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(Listed in the order in which they were received)

1—J. E. L. Winecoff
2—P. L. Clark
3—J. L. Fairly
4—C. C. Myers
5—D. L. Williamson
6—J. W. Miller
7—J. S. Crowley
8—M. C. MacQueen
9—E. B. Carr
10—C. B. Craig
11—William Crowe, Jr.
12—A. K. Dudley
13—B. E. Dotson
14—N. P. Farrior
15—W. H. Allison
16—F. M. Thompson
17—E. D. Witherspoon
18—L. A. Taylor
19—W. B. Hood
20—J. D. Withrow
21—J. M. Waggett
22—F. W. Lewis
23—W. H. Goodman
24—J. M. Newbold
25—D. A. Bowles
26—B. F. Hall
27—M. G. Stimson
28—W. L. Foley
29—W. P. Conyers, III
30—Neill G. Stevens
31—R. L. McBath
32—W. F. F. Little
33—J. W. Ware
34—R. L. Turner
35—J. T. Hayter
36—J. A. Nisbet
37—L. C. Tucker
38—F. T. Read
39—S. M. Houck
40—S. W. Hogue
41—M. J. McChesney
42—Price H. Gwynn
43—T. B. Ruff
44—Preston C. Oliver
45—S. N. Thomas
46—F. C. Hutcheson
47—J. C. McCann
48—H. J. Kaylor

Lay Pastor
J. B. Huntington

CHURCHES

Name, Year Organized	Name, Year Organized	Name, Year Organized
Acme, 1892	Faison, 1857	Pollocksville, 1868
Antioch, 1925	Graves Mem., 1838	Potts Mem., 1945
Ashwood, 1922	Grove, 1736	Rockfish, 1756
Baker, 1934	Hallsville, 1900	Rocky Point, 1922
Bethany, 1944	Harmony, 1887	St. Andrews, 1858
Beth Car, 1819	Harper-South'd, 1945	Ch. of Covenant, 1918
Bethel, 1924	Hebron, 1886	Merged—1944
Beulaville, 1917	Holly Grove, 1914	Smith, 1895
Black River, 1740	Hopewell, 1800	Southport, 1902
Bladenboro, 1889	Immanuel, 1895	South River, 1796
Bowden, 1905	Jacksonville, 1911	Stanford, 1892
Brunswick, 1947	Lake Waccamaw, 1921	Stafford Mem., 1951
Burgaw, 1879	Maple Hill, 1887	Tabor City, 1944
Calypso, 1903	McClure Mem., 1940	Teachey, 1902
Cape Fear, 1944	Mt. Horeb, 1843	Topsail, 1871
Carolina Beach, 1943	Mt. Olive, 1878	Wallace, 1884
Caswell, 1858	Mt. Williams, 1845	Warsaw, 1884
Chadbourn, 1897	Mt. Zion, 1858	Webb Mem., 1929
Chinquapin, 1884	Myrtle Grove, 1944	Westminster, 1920
Clarkton, 1795	New Hope, 1889	White Plains, 1850
Croatan, 1884	Oakdale, 1933	Whiteville First, 1869
Currie, 1914	Oak Plains, 1859	Wildwood, 1898
Delgado, 1916	Pearsall Mem., 1914	Wilmington First, 1817
Elizabethtown, 1834	Pike, 1856	Winter Park, 1913
Elkton, 1917	Pink Hill, 1917	Woodburn, 1924
	Pleasant View, 1924	

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Burris M. Bender, Wilbur M. Boice, Thomas F. Clark, Eugene Davis, Clifton E. Dickson, James F. Miller, Richard F. Perkins, Scott Y. Pharr, George M. Powell, Eugene D. Witherspoon.

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CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Wilmington met in Called Session in the First church, Wilmington, N. C., May 6, 1952, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Robert L. McBath. The following members were enrolled: Ministers—R. L. McBath, J. S. Crowley, S. M. Houck, J. M. Newbold, Jr., M. G. Stimson, L. A. Taylor, R. L. Turner, J. M. Waggett, J. W. Ware. Ruling Elder—R. C. Platt, Jr.

A quorum was declared present. The Presbytery was constituted with prayer led by Rev. R. L. Turner. The call for the meeting was read, found in order, and made the docket for the meeting:

"The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, I hereby issue the call for Wilmington Presbytery to meet in the Session room of the First Presbyterian church, Wilmington, N. C., on Tuesday, May 6, 1952 at 2:30 p.m., for the purpose of transacting the following business: 1—Endorse the application of the Tabor City church for a loan from Synod for the purpose of constructing a manse; 2—Fill a vacancy and elect a Chairman of the Board of World Missions."

ROBERT L. McBATH, Moderator

A motion was duly made and seconded that upon recommendation of the Home Mission Committee, Presbytery endorse the application of the Tabor City church for a loan in the amount of $5,000.00 from the loan funds of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of North Carolina. The motion carried.

Rev. J. A. Nisbet was elected to membership on the Committee on World Missions to succeed the Rev. C. R. Stegall. Rev. D. A. Bowles was elected chairman of this committee.

The minutes of the meeting were read, corrected and approved. Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. G. Stimson.

L. A. TAYLOR, Stated Clerk

CALLED MEETING

Wilmington Presbytery met in Called Session in the St. Andrews-Covenant church, June 13, at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Wade H. Allison, the last moderator present took the chair. The following were enrolled: Ministers—Wade H. Allison, C. B. Craig, William Crowe, Jr., S. M. Houck, J. M. McChesney, J. M. Newbold, M. G. Stimson, E. D. Witherspoon, L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elder—Paul Jordan.

The meeting was constituted with prayer, led by Rev. M. J. McChesney. The call for the meeting was read and found in order as follows: The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, I hereby issue the call for a meeting of Wilmington Presbytery to be held in the St. Andrews-Covenant church, Wilmington, N. C., at 3:00 p.m., for the purpose of ordaining candidate Preston C. Oliver and granting him permission to labor outside of the boundaries of the Presbytery, if the way be clear.

Rev. Wade H. Allison, chairman of the sub-committee on Candidates reported for his committee that Mr. Oliver's Thesis and Exegesis had been examined and were of a high quality. The examination of Mr. Oliver in Theology was conducted by Rev. William Crowe, Jr., the examination in Church Government and Sacraments was conducted by Rev. P. L. Clark, the examination in English Bible was conducted by Rev. C. B. Craig. The examinations were sustained.

On motion by Rev. William Crowe, seconded by Rev. L. A. Taylor, Presbytery appointed a commission to complete the examination and ordain Mr. Oliver, Sunday June 15, 1952, in the St. Andrews-Covenant church. The commission is composed of E. D. Witherspoon, William Crowe, A. K. Dudley, and Ruling Elder B. B. Reynolds. At the request of Mr. Oliver, Rev. David Sprunt, a member of the Presbytery of Memphis was invited to take part in the service of ordination.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved. The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. William Crowe.

L. A. TAYLOR, Stated Clerk

179th STATED SESSION

The Presbytery of Wilmington, Synod of North Carolina, Presbyterian Church, U. S., convened in the Mount Zion Church, Rose Hill, N. C., on Tuesday, July 15th, 1952, at 10:00 a.m.

A service of worship was conducted by Rev. James A. Nisbet. The Retiring Moderator's sermon was preached by Rev. Robert L. McBath on the subject: "Are Men Lost?" The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. M. J. McChesney and Rev. T. B. Ruff.

The following ministers were enrolled: W. H. Allison, D. A. Bowles, P. L. Clark, W. P. Conyers III, C. B. Craig, William Crowe, Jr., J. S. Crowley, B. E. Dotson, A. K. Dudley, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Goodman, Jr., B. F. Hall, S. M. Houck, M. C. MacQueen, W. F. F. Little, R. L. McBath, M. J. McChesney, J. A. Nisbet, F. T. Read, T. B. Ruff, N. G. Stevens, M. G. Stimson, L. A. Taylor, R. L. Turner, J. D. Withrow. (25)

The following churches were enrolled by their representatives:

Baker—George Tadlock, Bethany—H. B. Rivenbark, Beth Car—A. H. Singletary, Beulaville—Ray V. Cupp, Black River—R. R. Walker, Bladenboro—J. Frank Davis, Brunswick—Q. Y. Powell, Burgaw—T. T. Murphy, Calypso—James G. Dickson, Cape Fear—J. B. Huntington, Chadbourn—E. L. Derrick, Chinquapin—John Hollingsworth, Caswell—Graham Shaw, Clarkton—C. S. Clark, Delgado—W. C. Scoggins, Elizabethtown—J. R. Powell, Graves Memorial—H. L. Seagrove, Grove—E. O. Littleton, Hallsville—J. J. Grady, Harmony—R. E. Pendergrast, Harper-Southerland—Nick Smith, Hopewell—N. B. Murray, Immanuel—A. T. Maynard, Jacksonville—Dan Bright, Lake Waccamaw—G. T. Sutton, McClure Memorial—J. S. Cameron, Mt. Olive—S. M. Davis, Mt. Zion—T. A. Barden, Myrtle Grove—T. C. Gerganus, Oak Plains—A. C. Newkirk, Pearsall Memorial—E. Dan James, Pike—J. H. Worrell, Pollocksville—B. H. Bender, Rockfish—E. S. Williams, Rocky Point—H. E. James, St. Andrews-Covenant—W. E. Starnes, Tabor City—W. O. Jackson, Teachey—H. M. Wells, Topsail—Harold Howard, Wallace—Melvin Cording, Warsaw—M. V. Orr, Webb Memorial—H. L. Joslyn, White Plains—Ed S. Dennis, Whiteville First—G. O. Rogers, Willard—C. T. Carr, Wilmington First—C. C. Howell, Stafford Memorial—Henry Beatty, Potts Memorial—G. W. Hadnott, Wildwood—Jas. Murdock.

The following churches were not represented: Acme, Antioch, Ashwood, Bethel, Smith, Pleasant View, Pink Hill, Hebron, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Williams, Maple Hill, Oakdale,

Croatan, Bowden, Faison, Westminster, Stanford, Holly Grove, Winter Park, Currie, Page's Mill, Southport, New Hope, Carolina Beach, Elkton, Woodburn, South River.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer, led by Rev. N. G. Stevens. Rev. Walter Goodman, moderator in nomination, requested that he be excused from serving at this meeting due to a funeral engagement in the early afternoon. His request was granted and Rev. Neill G. Stevens was elected Moderator.

Newly elected Ruling Elders from various churches were introduced to the Presbytery and welcomed by the Moderator.

Rev. Marshall S. Woodson, President of Flora Macdonald College and a member of Fayetteville Presbytery, and Rev. Harold J. Dudley, General Secretary of the Synod of North Carolina and a member of Albemarle Presbytery, were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Communications were read and referred as follows: from the Board of Annuities and Relief, on the subject of group life insurance, to the Committee on Annuities and Relief; from Flora Macdonald College thanking Presbytery for financial assistance; from C R O P requesting time for a speaker, request granted and speaker docketed; from Rev. William Crowe, Jr., chairman of a special committee appointed to express thanks of Presbytery to Dr. W. C. Mebane. This was read and adopted by the Presbytery; from Rev. G. Fenton Miller asking permission to demit the ministry, laid on the table until the next meeting of Presbytery; from Harold J. Dudley requesting Presbytery to change the dates of its stated meetings, placed on the docket.

A proposed Docket for the meeting was presented by the Stated Clerk. It was amended and adopted.

The host-pastor, Rev. W. H. Allison, welcomed the members of the Presbytery and announced arrangements for their entertainment.

Mr. Eugene Davis, a member of the Mount Olive church and a student in Davidson College, appeared before Presbytery asking to be admitted as a candidate for the ministry. He was presented by Rev. W. H. Allison, chairman of the Committee on Candidates, who reported that the necessary papers were in his hands and were satisfactory in

all respects. Mr. Davis was admitted to examination. The examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry was conducted by Rev. Carl Craig. The questions from the Book of Church Order were addressed to the candidate by the Moderator and a charge was delivered to the candidate by his pastor, Rev. B. E. Dotson. Prayer was offered by the Moderator, and the name of the candidate was placed on the roll of the Presbytery.

The Committee on Annuities and Relief reported through the chairman, Rev. W. H. Allison. The report was adopted as follows:

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

1. For 12 years the Ministers' Annuity Fund has operated successfully. It has met in full every commitment, and the actuaries and auditors report it in good acuarial and financial condition. Benefits paid since the fund began are $1,641,253.47. Annuitants receiving benefits as of March 31, 1952 were 240 ministers, 245 widows, and 48 orphans.

2. The Employees' Annuity Fund has enrolled 216 members, and there were 6 annuitants receiving benefits as of March 31, 1952.

3. During the past year 372 homes were aided from the funds of Ministerial Relief. This was a decrease of 18 homes from the number aided the previous year. The amount remitted to the home of these beneficiaries was $184,996. In addition $159,531.10 of the fund of Ministerial Relief was used to supplement the inadequate annuities of 318 annuitants. The total amount granted to beneficiaries of Ministerial Relief and annuitants was much in excess of that of any previous year, but the Board is convinced that it is still not enough to relieve the retired ministers and their dependents of the burdens of the high cost of living.

4. The General Assembly has asked that 8% of the total amount requested for its benevolent work for 1952-53 be given by the churches to the Board of Annuities and Relief. Since the major source of income with which the board carries on its relief work is the Joy Gift, it is urgent that this annual offering be a generous one if the board is to have the funds with which to provide the necessities of life for the retired ministers. The total receipts for the relief work during the year 1951-52 amounted to $528,537.79.

5. Acting upon instructions given to it by the General Assembly the board has presented to the church a proposed group life insurance plan for the protection of its full-time salaried personnel. This plan has now been approved by the 1952 General Assembly and the required number of subscriptions have been received, so the plan was supposed to go into operation on July 1, 1952. Ministers and churches desirous of obtaining the type of protection which the plan affords should forward their subscription blanks, with check for the proper amount attached, at the earliest possible date.

6. Wilmington Presbytery has three beneficiaries of Ministerial Relief at the present time. Wilmington Presbytery contributed a total of $4,991 to Ministerial Relief during the past church year.

W. H. ALLISON, Chairman
Annuities and Relief

The Committee on Educational Institutions was submitted by the chairman, Rev. William Crowe, Jr. Pending the adoption of the report, Presbytery heard President Marshall S. Woodson in an address on the progress of Flora Macdonald College. The report, with the recommendation that it be read from every pulpit of Presbytery, was adopted as follows:

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Presbyterians no longer have the concern for Christian education they once had. An outstanding cause is that leadership at the local level has not kept itself aware of the tremendous changes taking place in the educational world and of the continuing need in our civilization for the small church related college. By local leadership we are referring chiefly to sessions. Pastors come and go but sessions remain. We have no statistics to support our belief but we do believe that Ruling Elders who read denominational periodicals are greatly overshadowed in numbers by those who seldom read them. Informed Sessions could have done much to prevent our church from losing its concern for Christian education. We believe this would have been more effective than the mass movements attempted in recent years administered by overhead agencies.

Church schools need money. In fact, they need money so badly now that they have given the impression to the public that they have no other need. If relief is not provided them from the crisis of inflation, most church schools of America will be closed in a few years. These church schools alone remain certain bulwarks of moral and intellectual defence against the crusading evil philosophies of atheistic materialism current in our time. Thus, today the plea of distinctly christian educational institutions for support becomes actually a warning to the better element in the American public to take drastic steps to save its own skin. Certainly, the appeal of our schools is benevolent, but it even becomes a selfish motive now for men to give their money to them. We must invest in christian education to strengthen and nourish our souls, but let it be understood by all that we must also invest in it to save our shirts.

The great universities of Europe and Britain have made enormous contributions to the culture of the west and their names are world renowned. However, it has been the small college of America that has moulded the thinking of this country. Small colleges at the grass roots where education has been given in community patterns have created America's culture and more, they have infused into America's life a moral integrity and a passion for spiritual truth that no other country in the world has had. The small college is an American phenomenon. It may be no accident that the period of our national

spiritual anemia followed the period when our church colleges began to be overshadowed by big state institutions with big labraries and big laboratories and big football teams.

We do not conceive it to be the function of this committee to make analysis of educational institutions as is done for Synod and Assembly but to stimulate concern at the congregational level for this cause. We bring this report now to a close with several observations:

First, that our christian colleges are not facing an unsolvable problem. The solution is even now in the hands of our Presbyterian constituency. One step would be to provide money. With alcoholic beverages and tobacco claiming twelve billion dollars of our national income, there must be enough money to undergird the foundations of our republic. Another step would be to popularize attendance of our youth at our colleges.

Second, that church school teachers and sessions and other congregational leaders can build up in every congregation a sense of responsibility to our colleges and of pride in their existence, encouraging attendance of students and the establishing of memorials, either large or small.

Third, that inflationary costs, plus a long trend toward increasing expenses to meet education association requirements, have made most of our own church schools cost more than students can afford. Serious consideration must be given by our leaders to the fact that many of our most promising youth cannot afford education under the influence of their own church.

Fourth, that our Synod has too many colleges. Originally they were needed because facilities for communication were poor. Today most of them are not filled partly for lack of congregational interest. Even so, there are too many to finance, because interest gets sliced into such small portions. The educational problems of our Church call for the best study and thinking our entire membership can devote to the cause.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM CROWE, JR., Chairman

The report on Special Causes was presented by the chairman of the committee, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr. The report was adopted as follows:

SPECIAL CAUSES

I. THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The American Bible Society is commended for the excellent services in making available the Bible for distribution among people all over the world. At the last meeting of General Assembly a recommendation was adopted requesting the National Council of Churches to give the American Bible Society permission to print cheap copies of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament.

II. HISTORICAL FOUNDATION.

The budget for the Historical Foundation for the coming year

has been set at $19,650. During the last fiscal year the total receipts were $17,430: disbursements $16,020; balance $1,409.

III. MONTREAT.

$750,000 has been spent during the last five years on improvements at Montreat. A long range development program has been launched under the direction of Mr. John P. Williams which will conserve and develop the natural, cultural and spiritual life of Montreat. May 31, 1953 has been designated as Montreat Day; and it is asked that wherever advisable on that designated day an offering be received for Montreat. An overture by the Montreat board of directors made to the last General Assembly, asking the assembly to provide a minimum of $75,000 a year for the support of Montreat was answered in the negative.

IV. STILLMAN COLLEGE.

As of April 1, 1952, Stillman College became a cause under the General Fund of the General Assembly. We are urged to see that it gets the full amount appropriated by the assembly. The General Assembly has approved a campaign for two million dollars for Presbyterian Negro work in the assembly. One million is to go to Stillman College, and one million is to go for Sunday school extension among Negroes. Headquarters for this campaign will be in Atlanta, Ga. Chaplain Major Richard R. Potter is to head this campaign, the dates of which are January 1 through August 31, 1953. The raising of funds in local churches is to take place durnig May of 1953. In fairness to all other causes it is asked that no solicitation will be carried on in the local congregations until the month of May, 1953. In prosecuting this campaign, the following procedure is anticipated.

1. A quota plan will be used with each congregation free to raise its amount in its own way.
2. A Treasurer will be designated to handle campaign funds with the necessary bonding and other legal safeguards provided.
3. The sixteen Synods will be organized into four divisions with each division having a Lay, Minister, and a Woman's Chairman.
4. The divisional chairmen will set up the organizations in each Synod and the same pattern will be carried on through Presbytery to each local church.
5. An experienced and nationally recognized fund raising firm will be employed to furnish professional advice.

The first $75,000 of the Women of the Church Birthday Offering of 1952 will go toward the endowment of a Chair of Bible at Stillman College.

The Stillman financial report for the year ending June 30th, 1951 is as follows: Income, $277,671.72; Expense, $235,697.06.

V. LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

For the support of this cause, the Treasurer of Inter-church Agencies appropriated $936.37 for the year ending March 31, 1952.

VI. ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL.

Debt free building construction, high enrollment, outstanding gifts and legacies have served to highlight a successful year at the assembly's training school. Outstanding among the gifts and legacies were: gift from the W. W. Williamson estate of Danville, Va., which totalled $225,899.52, and a legacy of Harvey C. Wise of Lexington, Va., of more than ninety five thousand dollars to the Martin Ryerson Turnbull Endowment Fund to which gifts from alumnae were added, bringing this fund to more than one hundred seventeen thousand dollars.

Pastors and sessions are urged to observe Training School Day on April 26, 1953 in order to acquaint local congregations with the service the school is rendering, the opportunities it offers young christians, and its needs.

At the end of the last church year, the funds of the training school counted a surplus balance of $6,067.06.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GOODMAN, JR., Chairman

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees.

Leave of Absence: The Revs. N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, and Ruling Elder Harold Howard.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The Revs. D. A. Bowles, T. B. Ruff, and Ruling Elder A. H. Singletary.

Resolutions of Thanks: The Revs. B. F. Hall, F. T. Read, and Ruling Elder W. C. Scoggins.

Dr. Harold J. Dudley, Executive Secretary of the Synod of N. C., was presented to Presbytery in order that he might speak relative to the survey now being made of the rural and town churches of the Synod under the direction of Dr. Ralph A. Felton. Thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Dr. Dudley for his explanation of this questionnaire and survey.

Presbytery recessed for lunch to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

With the singing of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation" and prayer by the Rev. S. M. Houck, Presbytery was reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

The Rev. C. H. Trueblood of Warsaw was presented to Presbytery in order that he might give information of the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Presbytery endorsed the C. R. O. P. organization and urged the full participation of the churches of the Presbytery in the gathering of commodities this fall.

The chairman of the Committee on Candidates, the Rev. W. H. Allison presented to Presbytery Messrs. Jerry C. McCann, Fletcher C. Hutcheson, and Samuel N. Thomas as candidates for licensure and ordination. They were admitted to examination.

Mr. Allison reported that the Theses of the three, and their written Exegesis had been read by him, and recommended that they be approved as satisfactory. Presbytery adopted this recommendation.

The examinations in Experimental Religion were conducted by Rev. C. B. Craig and were sustained as satisfactory. The Examinations in Theology were conducted by Rev. B. F. Hall were sustained as satisfactory. The examinations in the Sacraments and Church Government were conducted by Rev. A. K. Dudley and were sustained as satisfactory. The examinations in English Bible were conducted by Rev. R. L. McBath and were sustained as satisfactory. The three candidates preached sermons before the Presbytery. These were sustained as satisfactory. The examinations as a whole were sustaind as satisfactory. The names of the Licentiates were ordered enrolled upon the signing of the minister's obligations.

Rev. B. E. Dotson reported that calls for the services of the Licentiates were in his hands and found satisfactory by the commission. These are as follows: Jerry C. McCann to serve Wrightsville Beach and Oak Grove Chapels under the direction of the Home Mission Committee, Samuel N. Thomas to serve the White Plains church, Fletcher C. Hutcheson to serve the Tabor City church.

The call of the White Plains church was read, found in order and placed in the hands of Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas signified his willingness to accept the call. The following commission was appointed to ordain and install him: Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. J. D. Withrow, Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, Ruling Elder Alex Strickland, and Ruling Elder E. L. Derrick. The service of Ordination and Installation was scheduled for Sunday, August 3rd, at 8:00 p.m., in the White Plains church.

The call of the Tabor City church was read, found in order and placed in the hands of Mr. Hutcheson. He signified his willingness to accept the call and the following commission was appointed to ordain and install him: Rev. M. G. Stimson, Rev. F. T. Read, Rev. L. C. Tucker, Rev. L. A. Taylor,

Ruling Elder J. A. Hufham and Ruling Elder W. O. Jackson. Presbytery authorized the invitation to Rev. R. G. Hutcheson, father of the Licentiate, to preach the sermon. The Ordination and Installation were scheduled for July 27th 1952, at 8:00 p.m., in Tabor City church.

Licentiate Jerry C. McCann was ordained by the Presbytery as an Evangelist. The service was conducted by Rev. William Crowe, Jr., who also propounded the questions from the Book of Church Order to Mr. McCann. A charge to the Licentiate was delivered and the services concluded with prayer.

Reports of commissioners to 1952 General Assembly were made by Rev. R. L. McBath, Rev. M. G. Stimson and Ruling Elders H. L. Seagrove and M. V. Orr. The reports were received as information and the commissioners were commended for diligence.

Rev. M. G. Stimson, Director of the Pioneer Camps, reported excellent camps, with an attendance of 165 Pioneers and 15 adult leaders. The report was received as information.

Reports on forthcoming Standard Leadership Schools were made by Rev. J. A. Nisbet for the Wallace area, by Rev. F. T. Read for the Whiteville area, and by Rev. S. M. Houck for the Wilmington area. The reports were received as information and the committees commended for their good work.

Rev. N. P. Farrior reported for the Committee on Leave of Absence recommending that the following persons be excused from the meeting: J. W. Miller, Price H. Gwynn, S. W. Hogue, J. T. Hayter, L. C. Tucker, W. B. Hood, J. W. Foley, J. W. Ware, Preston Oliver, E. D. Witherspoon. That the following persons be excused at the noon hour: W. H. Goodman, J. D. Withrow, D. A. Bowles, W. P. Conyers III, W. F. F. Little, and Ruling Elders John Hollingsworth, Q. Y. Powell, George Sutton, H. L. Joslyn, James Murdock, and B. H. Bender.

The Committee on the Place of Next Meeting made its report recommending that the invitation from the White Plains church be accepted. The recommendation was adopted.

A partial and incomplete report on Sessional Records was made by the chairman, Rev. P. L. Clark.

The request from the office of the Synod that the time for Stated Sessions be changed was ordered docketed for the October meeting.

The Executive Secretary reported the sale of property known as The Little Chapel on the Board Walk, at Wrightsville Beach, and recommended that a note in the amount of $1,400, given as part of the purchase price for the property, be purchased by the Contingent Fund of the Presbytery. The recommendation was adopted.

Rev. B. F. Hall read the report of the Committee on Resolutions which was adopted as follows:

The Presbytery of Wilmington in session at Mount Zion church, Rose Hill, N. C., July 15, 1952, records its sincere appreciation to the pastor, officers and congregation of Mount Zion church and especially to the godly women of the church for the splendid christian hospitality which has rendered this day a blessing to us all. We are thankful for the privilege of worship in so beautiful a setting as this building affords, for the thoughtful provision for comfort, for the delicious repast prepared and served so graciously and tastefully. Above all we thank God for the devotion of the Mt. Zion church to His cause and Kingdom, and pray His continued guidance and grace upon this congregation, its agencies and officers and its minister.

A second resolution was also adopted from this committee and is as follows: The Presbytery of Wilmington expresses its gratitude to the Rev. R. L. McBath and the Rev. M. G. Stimson for the excellent leadership which they afforded the senior young people and the pioneers of the Presbytery.

A letter to Dr. W. C. Mebane, expressing the gratitude of Presbytery for the fine leadership which he gave to the Presbyterian Program of Progress in the Presbytery was admitted to record, and is as follows:

July 7, 1952

Dr. W. C. Mebane
Bulluck Clinic
Wilmington, N. C.

My dear Dr. Mebane:

The Presbytery of Wilmington has requested that an expression of appreciation from the Presbytery be sent to you relative to the very fine work you have done for the Kingdom of God through your

dedication to the Program of Progress. I was appointed chairman of a committee to formulate this expression.

Rather than write formal resolutions to you we are sending this as a personal letter. We wish you to know that we are aware in some measure of the great responsibility of your professional life and of the amount of time which it requires of you. Our awareness of this fact only serves to accentuate our feeling of gratitude to you for the inspiration that you have given to the congregations of this Presbytery in the leadership you have provided.

We hope that your consciousness of the gratitude of your fellow church men with whom you have so generously shared your life will be a source of satisfaction to you not only for today but for years ahead.

Most sincerely yours,

WILLIAM CROWE, JR.

WC/gt

The auditor's report on the audit of the books of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences was read to Presbytery and admitted to record. The report of the auditor is as follows:

I have made a careful examination of the books and records of Rev. L. A. Taylor, the Central Treasurer of Benevolences of Wilmington Presbytery, and find them kept in an efficient manner. His records and books reveal all receipts from the several churches of the Presbytery and from the departments and organizations within the several churches. They reveal that all receipts have been disbursed either in accordance with some designation made by the local church treasurers or in accordance with the percentage schedule adopted by the Presbytery.

My examination covered the period from April 1, 1951 to March 31, 1952.

Very truly yours,

JOE W. HOOD

Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr., was nominated to serve as Moderator of the October meeting of Presbytery.

The roll was called with sixteen ministers and twenty six ruling elders responding.

The Minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the White Plains Church, near Clarkton, on Tuesday, October 14th, 1952, at 10:00 a.m.

The benediction was offered by the Moderator.

180th STATED SESSION

The 180th stated session of Wilmington Presbytery convened at the White Plains Church, R.F.D., Clarkton, N. C., on Tuesday, October 14th, 1952, at 10:00 a.m. The opening worship was conducted by the Rev. Neill G. Stevens, and after prayer by the Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, Mr. Stevens preached his moderatorial sermon using as the text, Romans 3:28, and as the subject, "Justification by Faith."

Presbytery was constituted with prayer led by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen. The following members were enrolled:

D. A. Bowles, P. L. Clark, W. P. Conyers, III, C. B. Craig, Wm. Crowe, Jr., A. K. Dudley, N. P. Farrior, W. L. Foley, W. H. Goodman, Jr., B. F. Hall, J. T. Hayter, S. W. Hogue, W. B. Hood, S. M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, M. C. MacQueen, Jerry McCann, R. L. McBath, M. J. McChesney, J. W. Miller, J. A. Nisbet, F. T. Read, T. B. Ruff, C. C. Myers, N. G. Stevens, M. G. Stimson, L. A. Taylor, S. N. Thomas, L. C. Tucker, R. L. Turner, J. M. Waggett, J. W. Ware, E. D. Witherspoon, J. D. Withrow.

The following churches with their representatives were enrolled:

Baker, B. C. Thigpen; Bethany, Jordan A. Sloan; Beth Car, P. H. Myers; Beulaville, A. W. Gresham; Brunswick, Q. Y. Powell; Burgaw, Cleveland Bowden; Carolina Beach, D. N. Page; Caswell, C. P. Moore; Chadbourn, W. D. Thompson; Clarkton, D. D. Clark; Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Elkton, J. S. Elkins; Graves Memorial, A. E. Kennedy; Grove, R. V. Wells; Hallsville, J. D. Evans; Harmony, E. W. Jones; Hopewell, A. M. Murray; Immanuel, N. J. Owens; Jacksonville, Frank S. Wilson; McClure Memorial, A. F. Wells; Mt. Olive, D. B. Gillis; Mt. Williams, R. A. Thigpen; Mt. Zion, H. E. Latham; Myrtle Grove, H. E. Russ; Oak Plains, L. W. Newkirk; Page's Mill, Jessie Batten; Pearsall Memorial, Paul R. Jordan, Sr.; Pike, Wiley Batson; Pollocksville, R. P. Bender; Rock Fish, Paul E. Smith; Rocky Point, H. E. James; St. Andrews-Covenant, W. E. Starnes; Stanford, Simon Quinn; Tabor City, J. A. Hufham; Topsail, J. G. Thomas; Wallace, John Powell; Webb Memorial, J. W. Kellogg; Westminster, A. E. Heafner; White Plains, E. N. Clark; Wilmington, 1st, C. S. Morse; Stafford Memorial, Henry Beatty; Potts Memorial, D. G. Murphy.

The following churches were not represented: Antioch, Ashwood, Baker, Bethel, Bladenboro, Bowden, Calypso, Cape Fear, Chinquapin, Croatan, Currie, Faison, Harper-Southerland, Hebron, Holly Grove, Lake Waccamaw, Maple Hill, Mt. Horeb, New Hope, Oakdale, Pink Hill, Pleasant View, Smith, Southport, South River, Stanford, Teachey, Warsaw, Wildwood, Winter Park, Woodburn.

A quorum being present Presbytery elected as moderator the Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr. The host pastor, the Rev.

S. N. Thomas welcomed Presbytery to the White Plains church, after which the following were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren:

Rev. Marshall S. Woodson, of Fayetteville Presbytery; Rev. B. F. Ormond, of Pee Dee Presbytery; Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor, of East Hanover Presbytery, and Rev. John Fisler, of East Alabama Presbytery.

Also introduced to Presbytery were: Mr. Dallas Smith of the Board of Education in Richmond, and Mr. Roger W. Decker of Flora Macdonald College. Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time were presented by their pastors and welcomed by the moderator.

The docket prepared by the stated clerk was presented and amended, after which it was adopted as the docket of Presbytery.

The following communications were read, and referred to appropriate committees:

A letter of transfer from East Hanover Presbytery for the Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor to the committee on examination of candidates. Copies of the proposed changes in the Book of Church Order, to a committee composed of the commissioners to the last meeting of the General Assembly, with the Rev. W. L. Foley as chairman. A petition from King's Chapel asking that they be organized into a church, referred to the committee on Church Extension. A letter from the board of Annuities and Relief relative to the Group Life Insurance Plan was received as information.

A special order was permitted to Rev. Priestley Conyers that he might present to Presbytery the importance of the new housing developments in the Cherry Point area of the Presbytery. The report was received as information.

The committee on a "Church and Manse Builders League" reported through Mr. L. N. Boney, Jr., recommending that such a league be formed, that members be enrolled on a voluntary basis, that calls be limited to two each year and that the minimum call be for $2.00, all calls to be for some specific project in the Presbytery approved by the Home Missions committee, and the treasurer of Presbytery to act as treasurer of the fund.

The committee, composed of Rev. Robert L. McBath, Fred E. Little, Humphrey Marshall, and Mr. Boney was commended for the work in planning for this league.

President Marshall S. Woodson of Flora Macdonald College was presented to Presbytery and he in turn presented Mr. Dallas H. Smith of the Board of Education who spoke to Presbytery relative to the Vocational Guidance Center now in operation at Flora Macdonald College under the direction of Mr. Roger W. Decker. After Mr. Smith had concluded his remarks Mr. Decker spoke of the center, and of its usefulness to young people in the churches of the Presbytery. The center was approved, and all churches and pastors were urged to make full use of its services.

The committee on Stewardship made its report through the chairman, Dr. William Crowe. The report was adopted and is as follows:

STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS

October 14, 1952

The Council of Synod has apportioned to the Presbytery of Wilmington the sum of $93,728 for the abbreviated nine months year, April 1 to December 31, 1953. The figure includes $38,139 for Synod causes, and $55,589 for Assembly Causes. Presbytery Causes, including $7,580 for administration, and $25,266 for our own missions, or $32,846, added to the apportionment from Synod, equals $126,329. The membership of Presbytery, 11,382, divided into the total proposed budget for the short year, proposes a required per capita giving of $11.10 for the period. If this were calculated on an annual basis, the per capita figure would be $14.78. Last year our per capita giving to benevolences was $13.47; or, calculated for 9 months, it was $10.11. We are being asked to give approximately 10% more to budget benevolences than we gave to all benevolence causes last year, including special offerings. However, the proposed budget includes only percentage figures. It is estimated that our proposed budget, involving per capita pledges of $11.10 for the nine months, is approximately 55% greater than the per capita pledges we sought in the EMC of March, 1952. We should recognize that many individuals give several times the Presbytery's per capita, others give less, or nothing. The combination of all of these shows our Presbytery average.

Synod's Council is hoping to bring our Presbytery to the per capita level of the other Presbyteries. A similar increase was asked last year, but declined by Presbytery's Council. This year the Council decided to accept the apportionment and work toward the goal. Surely, there is no person in any congregation who could not give $11.10 to benevolences in 9 months. If we should establish that as our minimum, Presbytery would go far beyond the increase now asked.

The formula for arriving at the "askings" for each congregation is: (1) The per capita for Presbytery, multiplied by the congregation's membership on April 1, 1952; (2) The average of benevolence giving by the congregation for three years; (3) These two figures added together and divided by 2 equals congregational apportionment. This

formula left a margin of $4,282, which has been divided and assigned as follows: St. Andrews-Covenant and Wilmington First, each $1,241; Wallace and Graves Memorial, each $500; Westminster and Clarkton, each $400.

Schedule of Causes

Assembly Causes			
World Missions	20%	or	$25,266
Church Extension	9%	or	11,370
Christian Education	3.5%	or	4,422
Annuities and Relief	2%	or	2,527
General Fund	5%	or	6,316
Inter Church Relations	.5%	or	631
Equalization Fund	4%	or	5,053
Synod Causes			
Church Extension	6%	or	$ 7,580
Educational Institutions	11%	or	13,896
Orphan's Home	5%	or	6,316
Religious Education	2%	or	2,527
Student Work	1%	or	1,263
William Black Home	.5%	or	632
Presbyterian Home	.5%	or	631
Equalization Fund	4%	or	5,053
Presbytery Causes			
Home Missions	20%	or	$25,266
Administration	6%	or	7,580

Congregational Apportionment

Name of Church	Average giving for 3 year period	On a basis of $11.10 per capita	Asking for 1953
Acme	217	544	380
Antioch	0	599	300
Ashwood	372	311	341
Baker	301	577	439
Bethany	676	1,620	1,148
Beth Car	735	588	661
Bethel	no report	2,042	1,021
Beulaville	102	1,021	562
Black River	808	888	848
Bladenboro	144	422	283
Bowden	214	499	356
Brunswick	203	522	362
Burgaw	1,528	2,153	1,840
Calypso	802	1,420	1,111
Cape Fear	432	1,387	909
Carolina Beach	558	1,010	784
Caswell	508	1,387	947
Chadbourn	1,189	1,909	1,549
Chinquapin	303	1,565	934
Clarkton	4,044	3,774	4,309
Croatan	321	277	299
Currie	77	355	216

Delgado	408	955	682
Elizabethtown	2,619	3,030	2,825
Elkton	121	344	232
Faison	898	2,120	1,509
Graves Memorial	5,543	4,462	5,502
Grove	341	1,609	975
Hallsville	544	1,343	943
Harmony	416	1,010	713
Harper-Southerland	140	508	324
Hebron	7	233	120
Holly Grove	593	910	752
Hopewell	490	1,520	1,005
Immanuel	2,549	3,774	3,161
Jacksonville	2,793	3,341	3,067
Lake Waccamaw	802	755	778
Maple Hill	23	277	150
McClure Memorial	185	1,398	791
Mt. Horeb	497	322	409
Mt. Olive	2,833	3,474	3,153
Mt. Williams	60	377	218
Mt. Zion	1,523	2,475	1,999
Myrtle Grove	559	988	774
New Hope	398	999	699
Oakdale	38	432	235
Oak Plains	417	644	530
Pearsall Memorial	2,793	2,819	2,806
Page's Mill	30	357	193
Pike	362	877	619
Pink Hill	359	844	602
Pleasant View	173	655	414
Pollocksville	902	1,154	1,028
Potts Memorial	312	1,277	795
Rockfish		1,987	1,614
Rocky Point	287	1,154	720
St. Andrews-Covenant	28,780	14,630	22,946
Smith	145	766	455
Southport	149	1,298	723
South River	0	200	100
Stanford	70	1,054	562
Stafford Memorial	0	477	238
Tabor City	0	455	227
Teachey	755	1,132	943
Topsail	276	1,321	798
Wallace	5,078	4,329	5,230
Warsaw	1,639	1,664	1,652
Webb Memorial	1,530	1,510	1,520
Westminster	3,528	2,720	3,524
White Plains	260	710	485
Whiteville 1st	2,581	2,686	2,633
Wildwood	694	877	785
Willard	614	655	634
Wilmington 1st	21,839	12,077	18,199
Winter Park	4,556	3,385	3,970
Woodburn	359	1,243	801

The following standing committees were announced by the Moderator: Leave of Absence: W. B. Hood, R. L. Turner, and Ruling Elder Paul Jordan. Resolution: S. W. Hogue, J. A. Nisbet, and Ruling Elder N. J. Owens. Place and Time of Next Meeting: M. G. Stimson, N. P. Farrior and A. F. Wells.

Presbytery took recess until 1:30 after being led in prayer by the Moderator.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p.m., and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Nisbet. The Stewardship committee was authorized to set up a schedule of Stewardship meetings in the churches of the Presbytery to explain in detail the financial goals of the Presbytery, and to discuss the stewardship program of the local church.

The following motion made by Rev. W. P. Conyers, III, was adopted:

That the Presbytery exhort every church in the Presbytery to insure that the recommendations of Presbytery be read to the members of the session and the board of deacons of each church at the first meeting following the Presbytery meetings, and that this fact be recorded in the session minutes. That the Committee on Sessional Records be asked to insure that this reading and its record be present in the Sessional Minutes upon each inspection thereof.

That sufficient funds be made available to provide for the expeditious mimeographing and mailing of Presbytery's recommendations not more than one week after each meeting.

The Rev. J. D. Withrow reported for the Committee on Homes, and the report was adopted and is as follows:

THE PRESBYTERIAN HOME

The Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Homes, Inc., reports that it has secured Mr. Richard A. Short as business manager and superintendent of the home. He in turn has secured a well trained and efficient staff to operate the home. This staff consists of a hostess, two trained nurses and an office secretary.

On December 6, 1951 the board of trustees formally accepted the remodeling job done by the contractor. On Sunday, January 6, 1952 dedicatory services were held with the Rev. C. M. Gibbs giving the principal address. On January 21, 1952 the home received its first member. Since then 19 other persons have been admitted.

The total cost of additions, alterations, and repairs to the present building was $91,239.48. The total cost of furnishings was $35,999.90. These funds for furnishings were provided by various groups and individuals. Audits show a net worth of $404,337.83.

Preliminary plans for a much needed second unit of the home has been approved. To meet this need the board has requested Synod

the authority to raise $500,000. The second unit will take care of approximately 60 members.

WILLIAM BLACK HOME

The William Black Home reports an indebtedness of $4,000. In the past year it has paid in full an indebtedness of $8,500.00.

Excellent board and comfortable rooms have been furnished Home Mission workers and Presbyterians of N. C., from six to ten dollars per week cheaper than similar accommodations elsewhere in Montreat.

The Women-of-the-Synod under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Julian B. Hutaff, Jr., and her committee, have completed the furnishings of the home in a most attractive and comfortable manner at a cost of $19,000.00. From ten to twelve thousand dollars more is needed to enlarge the kitchen and dining room, construct a large pantry, complete the drainage and paving system and build servant quarters.

PRESBYTERIAN ORPHAN HOME

Barium Springs

The Regents of The Presbyterian Orphans Home report that the general health and well-being of the children has been good.

The school under the direction of R. G. Calhoun, received the highest rating of any Iredell County school in a special study made by the state last year.

The buildings on the campus are in a fair state of repair and have received the rating of excellent from the county health department. The home has been put to a great deal of expense in the establishment of a central heating plant and steam line. This past summer it was necessary to lay a completely new steam line at a contract cost not to exceed $76,000.00. It looks as if the Regents might have to borrow money in order to complete this job.

The Iredell County health department issued an ultimatum requiring the home to pasteurize its milk for the sake of the safety of the children. The erection of a plant with its equipment will cost $15,000.00.

The income of the home from the churches of the Synod reached an all-time high this year. The Thanksgiving offering was $92,924.80. The regular offerings totaled $87,014.73. The income from the churches has enabled the home to operate the whole year without a deficit.

The report of the committee on Evangelism was made by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was received as information. The recommendation that each church in the Presbytery have a visitation evangelism program between this and the spring meeting of Presbytery was adopted.

The minutes of the commission to ordain and install Rev. F. C. Hutcheson as pastor of the Tabor City church were read and admitted to record, and are as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL REV. F. C. HUTCHESON as PASTOR of the TABOR CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to install Rev. Fletcher C. Hutcheson as pastor of the Tabor City Presbyterian Church met in the home of Mr. J. A. Hufham at 7:30 p.m., on July 27, 1952. Members present were Rev. M. G. Stimson, chairman; Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. F. T. Read, Ruling Elders J. A. Hufham and W. O. Jackson, Dr. R. G. Hutcheson, and Dr. Ryan Wood participated as guests of the commission.

The commission was called to order by the chairman, M. G. Stimson, and opened with a prayer. F. T. Read was elected to serve as clerk. The parts were assigned and the commission retired to the church for the service which followed.

The Rev. L. A. Taylor presided over the worship service reading as the text from II Timothy 4:1-8. Dr. Ryan Wood offered a prayer for the occasion. Dr. R. G. Hutcheson preached the sermon. The Rev. M. G. Stimson propounded the constitutional question and delivered the charge to the minister. The Rev. F. T. Read delivered the charge to the congregation and Rev. F. C. Hutcheson pronounced the benediction.

The commission reconvened and the minutes were read and approved. The commission was adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. G. Stimson.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. READ,
Clerk of the Commission

The pastoral relations between the Rev. J. D. Withrow and the Acme church were dissolved effective as of this date, in order that Mr. Withrow may give full time to the Woodburn church.

A call from the Acme church to the Rev. S. N. Thomas was read, found in order and placed in his hands. Mr. Thomas signified his acceptance of the call, and the following commission was appointed to install him as pastor of the Acme church.

Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, Rev. R. L. McBath, and Rev. M. G. Stimson, and Ruling Elders James Hufham and Clarence Clark.

A letter from East Hanover Presbytery dismissing the Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor was read, and Mr. Kaylor was admitted to examination. The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. C. B. Craig and was sustained as satisfactory. The examination on views in theology was conducted by the Rev. B. Frank Hall and was

sustained as satisfactory. The examination on Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by the Rev. W. L. Foley and was sustained as satisfactory. The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory, and Mr. Kaylor was enrolled as a member of Wilmington Presbytery upon his signing of the minister's obligation. Mr. Kaylor is to serve as assistant pastor of the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church of Wilmington.

The committee on the building of a church at Wrightsville Beach reported that its work was completed, and asked to be discharged. Presbytery by a standing vote expressed to the committee thanks for work well done. The committee was authorized to turn over to the treasurer of Presbytery all books and monies now on hand, and the treasurer was authorized to spend a sum not to exceed $300 for any further incidental expenses that may be incurred. The committee was discharged.

The Sunday school superintendents of the Presbytery were reminded of the conference for superintendents to be held in the Wallace church on October 26th, and invited to attend this meeting.

Dr. J. O. Mann of Mecklenburg Presbytery was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother. Dr. Mann spoke of some coming programs in the Synod and urged attendance at these.

Rev. P. L. Clark reported for the committee on Sessional Records, and presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

I. RULES FOR KEEPING SESSIONAL RECORDS

1—The time and place of the meeting, the names of members present, the name of the Moderator, should be given. It should be stated that the meeting was, or was not, opened and closed with prayer.

2—The Minutes should record Baptisms, members received and dismissed, motions and resolutions passed, reports adopted, Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons, actions of the Session in any cases of discipline, election of representatives to Synod and Presbytery.

3—The annual statistical report of the Session to Presbytery should be recorded in full, and read before the congregation.

4—Mention should be made that the representatives to Synod and Presbytery made reports to the Session.

5—It should be recorded that the proceedings of the Board of Deacons are examined annually.

6—It should be recorded that books of all treasurers of funds have been examined annually.

7—The records should indicate that the Minutes of the Session were approved by the Session preceding the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

8—The following should be recorded in the Minutes as information, but not as part of the proceedings of the Session:

a—The Minutes of Congregational Meetings:

b—Matters of historical interest: installation of Pastor, dedications of buildings, etc.

9—The Sessional Records should be submitted to the Presbytery at its spring meeting each year.

II. That the following blank be provided for guidance of the examiners of Sessional record books:

Blanks for Use in Examination of Sessional Records:

Approved without Exception_____

Approved with the following exceptions:

a. Session meeting not opened and closed with prayer_____

b. Only_____meetings of Session during the year

c. No representative appointed to Presbytery_____

d. No representative appointed to Synod_____

e. Minutes not read and approved_____

f. Records not sent to Presbytery for approval for_____years_____

g. Other exceptions: _____

h. Book reviewed by_____

III. That the chairman of the Committee on Records be authorized to sign the Session record books for the Presbytery, rather than the Moderator.

Presbytery amended its standing rules, Section II, paragraph I, to change the date for the meetings of Presbytery from the Tuesday after the second Sunday in January, April, July, and October to the third Tuesday in the months named above.

The petition from King's Chapel which had been referred to the Home Missions committee, was granted. The following comission was appointed to proceed with the organization of the church according to the provisions of the Book of Church Order, when, in the judgment of the commission it is wise: Revs. L. A. Taylor, P. L. Clark, C. B. Craig, W. H. Goodman, N. P. Farrior, and M. G. Stimson, and Ruling Elders R. V. Wells and F. S. Wilson.

The petition is as follows:

We, the following members of the Jacksonville Presbyterian church, and residents and worshippers at King's Chapel, in a duly called

and appointed meeting at King's Chapel, on September 28th 1952, with the session of the Jacksonville church present, do hereby petition the Presbytery of Wilmington to form us into a separate church.

Mrs. Troy King, Troy E. King, Mrs. H. F. Parker, Marjorie D. Rowls, Mrs. Margaret Shepherd, Mrs. A. Z. Thompson, A. B. Lanier, R. A. King, Sr., Mrs. R. A. King, Mrs. Norman Shepherd, Mrs. Sadie Shepherd, Mrs. Woodrow Lanier, W. W. Lanier, Mrs. Delbert Rowls, Robert A. King, Jr., Charles Rowls, Mrs. Horace Parker, Mrs. F. R. Dixon, Mrs. Leon Ray Dixon, Beulah Raynor, Mrs. B. D. Collins.

A resolution presented by Rev. J. A. Nisbet was adopted as follows:

"That Presbytery through a letter from the stated clerk, express our grateful appreciation to Miss Rosanna Barnes for the splendid work in our Presbytery."

The committee appointed to make recommendations relative to the proposed changes in the Book of Church Order recommended the approval of each of the changes. These changes were approved as follows:

Amendment to Paragraph 70, approved 47, disapproved 2

Amendment to Paragraph 126, approved 52, disapproved 0

Amendment to Paragraph 126 (p. 181), approved 52, disapproved 0

Amendment to Paragraph 138 A, approved 52, disapproved 0

Amendment to Paragraph 263, approved 51, disapproved 1

Amendment to Paragraph 303, approved 52, disapproved 0

Amendment to Paragraph 363, approved 52, disapproved 0

A petition from the Oak Grove chapel for organization into a church was presented to Presbytery by the Rev. Jerry McCann, and is as follows:

We, the undersigned, residents of South Wilmington community, do hereby respectfully petition the Presbytery of Wilmington, Presbyterian church, U. S., in session in the White Plains church, R.F.D., Clarkton, N. C., to authorize and direct the organization of a Presbyterian church in our community, and to such a church we pledge our membership and support:

George S. English, Mrs. George S. English, Carolyn English, Mrs. George F. Potter, Marie Potter, George F. Potter, George Potter, C. D. Parker, Sr., Mrs. C. D. Parker, Jimmie Parker, Mrs. T. W. Fogleman, T. W. Fogleman, Richard Fogleman, Lillie Bryan, Mrs. J. W. Vogels, J. W. Vogels, Florence E. Sellers, Mrs. Leon H. Peterson, Mrs. Ray S. Landen, Mrs. R. H. Ellis, R. H. Ellis, James L. Trogden, Flossie Bryan, Mrs. E. L. Ellis, Rachel Ellis, W. J. Longley, Mrs. W. J. Longley, Mrs. B. E. Harvell, Mrs. Frank Talman, Mrs. J. D. Colvin, Ray S. Landen, Tommy Landen, J. D. Colvin, Sr., Mrs. J. D. Neal, J. D. Neal, Warren Neal, Mrs. Julia Hood, L. W. Hood, Maggie Bryan, Mrs. Vera Bryan, Mrs. Hopin Guy, E. L. Ellis, Mrs. J. E. Grady, Benny Vogels, Bobby Vogels.

The petition was granted and the following commission was named to organize the chapel into a church: Dr. Wil-

liam Crowe, Jr., Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. M. J. McChesney, Rev. J. W. Ware, and Rev. Jerry McCann, Ruling Elders W. M. Dickson, L. N. Boney, Eustace Norfleet, and J. W. Hoge. The date for the organization to be set by the commission.

The request of the Rev. G. Fenton Miller, presented to the Presbytery at the July meeting, that he be permitted to demit the ministry without censure was granted, and Mr. Miller's name was removed from the roll of the Presbytery.

Rev. W. B. Hood reported for the committee on Nominations, and the report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations respectfully submits the following report:

1. To replace Rev. P. L. Clark and Rev. A. K. Dudley, whose term expires as members of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, M. G. Stimson and N. P. Farrior.

2. To replace Rev. J. M. Newbold, (removed from the Presbytery) chairman, Committee on Homes, M. J. McChesney; chairman, Committee on Women of the Church, W. P. Conyers, III; Vacancy, Area No. 4, Divorce and Remarriage, Wade Allison; chairman, Committee on Divorce and Remarriage, E. D. Witherspoon.

3. As a member of Presbytery's Council, to take the place of Mr. Percy C. West, who has been elected Ruling Elder, Deacon William E. Perdue.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. HOOD, Chairman

The standing committee on Leave of Absence reported as follows:

The following to be excused from Presbytery due to illness: Rev. B. E. Dotson and J. S. Crowley.

The following to be excused at the hour designated: Rev. Priestly Conyers, III, at 2:00 p.m.; Mr. A. W. Gresham at 3:00 p.m.; Rev. D. A. Bowles and Ruling Elder Q. Y. Powell at 3:30 p.m.; Rev. F. T. Read, Rev. J. W. Ware, and Ruling Elders Harold Russ and D. N. Page at 3:45 p.m., and Rev. J. A. Nisbet, Ruling Elders D. G. Murphy and Paul E. Smith at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HOOD, Chairman

The report of the Committee on Resolutions read by the Rev. S. W. Hogue was adopted as follows:

1. We wish to thank the retiring moderator for his edifying sermon on **Justification by Faith.**

2. We express our appreciation to the host pastor, officers and congregation for the opportunity which they have so graciously afforded us to come to this historic church.

3. We are grateful to the men and particularly to the ladies of the congregation for the wonderful way in which they provided for our needs.

4. We recognize also the concession which the host pastor, and the so recently arrived mistress of the Manse have made in bringing their wedding trip to a premature conclusion in order to be present for this meeting of Presbytery.

5. That these resolutions be read to the congregation at its next meeting.

The committee on Time and Place of the next meeting of Presbytery announced that the next meeting of Wilmington Presbytery will be held January 20, 1953 and the invitation of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Whiteville for Presbytery to meet there was gratefully accepted.

The Rev. D. A. Bowles was nominated as moderator of the January meeting of Presbytery.

The roll was called and the following persons were present:

Ministers: P. L. Clark, C. B. Craig, William Crowe, A. K. Dudley, N. P. Farrior, W. L. Foley, W. H. Goodman, Jr., B. F. Hall, S. W. Hogue, W. B. Hood, S. M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, M. C. MacQueen, Jerry McCann, W. F. F. Little, R. L. McBath, M. J. McChesney, J. W. Miller, T. B. Ruff, C. C. Myers, M. G. Stimson, L. A. Taylor, L. C. Tucker, R. L. Turner, E. D. Witherspoon.

Elders: J. A. Sloan, C. P. Moore, W. D. Thompson, D. D. Clark, W. C. Scoggins, J. S. Elkins, R. V. Wells, J. D. Evans, A. M. Murray, N. J. Owens, F. S. Wilson, A. F. Wells, R. A. Thigpen, Jessie Bolton, Paul R. Jordan, Sr., Wiley Batson, R. P. Bender, H. E. James, W. E. Starnes, J. A. Hufham, Jr., J. G. Thomas, J. W. Kellogg, A. E. Heafner, C. S. Morse, Henry Beatty, and D. G. Murphy.

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. L. Turner.

DIRECTORY

Moderator—Rev. Walter N. Goodman, Jr., Beulaville, N. C.

Stated Clerk, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Central Treasurer of **Benevolences**—Rev. L. A. Taylor, Wilmington, N. C.

Permanent Clerk—Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Wilmington, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Exit 1955

Joshua S. James, Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Rev. M. C. MacQueen (Exit 1953) Rev. E. D. Witherspoon (Exit 1955)

TRUSTEES OF FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

Exit 1953

Rev. B. E. Dotson, Mr. J. A. Love, Jr., Dr. W. C. Mebane, Rev. J. W. Miller.

Exit 1954

Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Mr. James H. Clark, Mrs. G. O. Rogers, Rev. L. A. Taylor.

Exit 1955

Rev. D. A. Bowles, Mr. E. L. Derrick, Mr. D. M. Calhoun, Mr. Dallas Herring.

TRUSTEES OF PEACE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Rev. William Hood (Exit 1953) Rev. William Crowe (Exit 1955)

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Chairman

Church Extension—Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Chairman.
Annuities and Relief—Rev. Wade H. Allison, Chairman.
Stewardship—Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Chairman.
Education—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Chairman.
World Missions—Rev. David A. Bowles, Chairman.
Women of the Church—Mrs. John Farrior, Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt.
Youth Council—Sallie Ann Monroe, President.
Ruling Elders—James H. Clark, W. M. Boice.
Deacons—Hugh S. Johnson, W. E. Perdue.

COMMITTEES

D. A. Bowles, Chairman

World Missions—Ministers: D. A. Bowles, Carl B. Craig, Ruling Elders: H. M. Corbett, G. E. Fisler.

Curch Extension—Ministers: M. C. MacQueen, D. A. Bowles, B. E. Dotson, W. L. Foley, E. D. Witherspoon, R. L. McBath, N. P. Farrior, A. K. Dudley; Ruling Elders: A. E. Gibson, Gordon Prevatte, Melvin Cording, J. B. Huntington, Mrs. E. M. Farrior.

Education—Ministers: B. Frank Hall, D. A. Bowles, Priestly Conyers, M. G. Stimson, Jack W. Ware, W. B. Hood, William Crowe, Jr., W. H. Allison, R. L. McBath; Ruling Elders: M. V. Orr, S. M. Davis, A. R. Urquhart, Mrs. D. D. Clark.

Annuities and Relief—Ministers: Wade H. Allison, C. B. Craig, J. M. Waggett, Leslie Tucker; Ruling Elders: E. D. Wells, W. J. Calhoun.

Homes—Ministers: M. J. McChesney, C. C. Myers, J. D. Withrow; Ruling Elders: J. B. Stroud, H. McNair Johnson; Mrs. P. R. Smith.

Stewardship—Ministers: William Crowe, Jr., Neill G. Stevens; Ruling Elders: Litchfield Huie, K. M. Corbett, H. E. Latham, H. G. McQueen, W. J. Scott; Women: Mrs. John Farrior, Mrs. P. R. Smith.

Session Records—Ministers: P. L. Clark, W. F. F. Little, T. B. Ruff; Ruling Elders: H. M. Wells, Leon Flowers.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: J. M. Wagget, Fitzhugh Read; Ruling Elders: Frank Haasis, H. E. Latham.

Special Causes—Ministers: Walter Goodman, D. A. Bowles, Jack W. Ware; Ruling Elders: Dr. W. C. Mebane, R. P. Bender.

Women of the Church—Ministers: W. P. Conyers, III, L. A. Taylor, E. D. Witherspoon; Ruling Elders: J. R. Maxwell; Women: Mrs. John Farrior.

History of the Presbytery—Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington.

Audits—Ruling Elders: Frank S. Wilson, J. A. Love, P. H. Myers.

Divorce and Remarriage—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Chairman (Exit 1955).

Area No. 1—Ministers: J. W. Miller, R. L. McBath, D. A. Bowles.

Area No. 2—Ministers: B. Frank Hall, A. K. Dudley, William Crowe, Jr.

Area No. 3—Ministers: C. B. Craig, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Goodman.

Area No. 4—Ministers: P. L. Clark, W. B. Hood, W. H. Allison.

Nominations—Exit 1953. Ministers: W. B. Hood, Chairman, Jack W. Ware, W. L. Foley; Ruling Elders: C. S. Clark, W. E. Starnes.

Examinations—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Chairman.

Experimental Religion—Rev. C. B. Craig, Rev. J. W. Miller.

Academic Studies—Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. J. M. Waggett.

Languages—Rev. N. P. Farrior, Rev. Neill G. Stevens.

Theology—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Rev. W. B. Hood.

Sacraments and Church Government—Rev. W. L. Foley, Rev. A. K. Dudley, Rev. Robert L. Turner.

English Bible—Rev. Jack W. Ware, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr.

Commission on the Minister and His Work—Exit fall 1953: Rev. B. E. Dotson, chairman, Mr. George Mitchell; Exit fall 1954: Rev. R. L. McBath, Mr. W. M. Boice; Exit fall 1955: M. G. Stimson, N. P. Farrior.

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WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

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MINISTERS

(Listed in the order in which they were received)

1—P. L. Clark
2—J. L. Fairly
3—C. C. Myers
4—D. L. Williamson
5—J. W. Miller
6—J. S. Crowley
7—M. C. MacQueen
8—E. B. Carr
9—William Crowe, Jr.
10—A. K. Dudley
11—B. E. Dotson
12—N. P. Farrior
13—W. H. Allison
14—F. M. Thompson
15—E. D. Witherspoon
16—L. A. Taylor
17—W. B. Hood
18—J. D. Withrow
19—J. M. Waggett
20—F. W. Lewis
21—W. H. Goodman
22—D. A. Bowles
23—B. F. Hall
24—M. G. Stimpson
25—W. L. Foley
26—W. P. Conyers, III
27—Neill G. Stevens
28—R. L. McBath
29—W. F. F. Little
30—J. W. Ware
31—J. T. Hayter
32—J. A. Nisbet
33—L. C. Tucker
34—F. T. Read
35—S. M. Houck
36—M. J. McChesney
37—Price H. Gwynn
38—T. B. Ruff
39—Preston C. Oliver
40—S. N. Thomas
41—F. C. Hutcheson
42—J. C. McCann
43—H. J. Kaylor
44—T. O. Bird

Lay Pastor
J. B. Huntington

CHURCHES

Name, Year Organized

Acme, 1892
Antioch, 1925
Ashwood, 1922
Baker, 1934
Bethany, 1944
Beth Car, 1819
Bethel, 1924
Beulaville, 1917
Black River, 1740
Bladenboro, 1889
Bowden, 1905
Brunswick, 1947
Burgaw, 1879
Calypso, 1903
Cape Fear, 1944
Carolina Beach, 1943
Caswell, 1858
Chadbourn, 1897
Chapel on Boardwalk, 1952
Chinquapin, 1884
Clarkton, 1795
Croatan, 1884
Currie, 1914
Delgado, 1916
Elizabethtown, 1834

Name, Year Organized

Elkton, 1917
Faison, 1857
Graves Mem., 1838
Grove, 1736
Hallsville, 1900
Harmony, 1887
Harper-South'd, 1945
Hebron, 1886
Holly Grove, 1914
Hopewell, 1800
Immanuel, 1895
Jacksonville, 1911
Lake Waccamaw, 1921
Maple Hill, 1887
McClure Mem., 1940
Mt. Horeb, 1843
Mt. Olive, 1878
Mt. Williams, 1845
Mt. Zion, 1858
Myrtle Grove, 1944
New Hope, 1889
Oakdale, 1933
Oak Grove, 1952
Oak Plains, 1859
Pearsall Mem., 1914
Pike, 1856
Pink Hill, 1917

Name, Year Organized

Pleasant View, 1924
Pollocksville, 1868
Potts Mem., 1945
Rockfish, 1756
Rocky Point, 1922
St. Andrews, 1858
Ch. of Covenant, 1918
Merged—1944
Smith, 1895
Southport, 1902
South River, 1796
Stanford, 1892
Stafford Mem., 1951
Tabor City, 1944
Teachey, 1902
Topsail, 1871
Wallace, 1884
Warsaw, 1884
Webb Mem., 1929
Westminster, 1920
White Plains, 1850
Whiteville First, 1869
Wildwood, 1898
Wilmington First, 1817
Winter Park, 1913
Woodburn, 1924

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Burris M. Bender, Wilbur M. Boice, Thomas F. Clark, Eugene Davis, Clifton E. Dickson, James F. Miller, Richard F. Perkins, George M. Powell, Eugene D. Witherspoon.

STATED SESSION

The 181st Stated Session of the Presbytery of Wilmington was convened in the Westminster church, Whiteville, N. C., on January 20, 1953, at 10:00 a.m. The service of worship was led by the Retiring Moderator, Rev. Walter Goodman, Jr. His sermon was based on Isaiah 27:16-17.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor, and Rev. Leslie C. Tucker.

The following ministers were enrolled:

W. H. Allison, D. A. Bowles, P. L. Clark, William Crowe, Jr., J. S. Crowley, B. E. Dotson, A. K. Dudley, N. P. Farrior, W. L. Foley, W. H. Goodman, Jr., P. H. Gwynn, B. F. Hall, J. T. Hayter, S. W. Hogue, W. B. Hood, S. M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, H. J. Kaylor, M. C. MacQueen, J. C. McCann, R. L. McBath, M. J. McChesney, J. W. Miller, W. F. F. Little, J. A. Nisbet, F. T. Read, T. B. Ruff, C. C. Myers, Neill G. Stevens, L. A. Taylor, S. N. Thomas, L. C. Tucker, R. L. Turner, J. M. Waggett, J. W. Ware, J. D. Withrow. (36)

The following churches were enrolled by representatives:

Acme, R. S. Love; Baker, Albert Cox; Beth Car, P. H. Myers; Bethany, D. R. Murray; Beulaville, Ray V. Culp; Black River, G. S. Beatty; Bladenboro, R. F. Matheson; Brunswick, Q. Y. Powell; Calypso, L. L. Flowers; Cape Fear, J. B. Huntington; Chadbourn, J. H. Currie; Chapel on the Boardwalk, J. F. Applewhite; Clarkton, S. Singletary; Delgado, W. P. Edwards; Elkton, J. S. Elkins; Faison, Wade Daughtry; Graves Memorial, P. S. Carr; Grove, J. B. Stroud; Hallsville, A. H. Miller; Harmony, R. E. Pendergras; Hopewell, J. S. Newkirk; Immanuel, A. C. Pate; Jacksonville, J. S. Wilson; Lake Waccamaw, G. T. Sutton; Maple Hill, S. A. Lanier; McClure Memorial, Rex Kern; Mt. Olive, W. H. Kornegay, Sr.; Mt. Zion, W. D. Herring; Myrtle Grove, T. F. Gurganous; New Hope, E. W. Maultsby; Oak Grove, J. W. Vogels; Oak Plains, Ben Byrd; Page's Mill, Jessie Batten; Pearsall Memorial, Paul R. Jordan, Sr.; Pike, Wiley Batson; Pollocksville, John H. Bender; Potts Memorial, Carl Southerland; Rock Fish, C. H. Smith; Rocky Point, Henry James; St. Andrews-Covenant, C. P. Gorman; Smith, R. W. Wallace; Southport, Robert St.George; Tabor City, W. O. Jackson, Jr.; Teachey, J. B. Wells; Topsail, Harold Howard; Wallace, John Powell; Warsaw, M. V. Orr; Webb Memorial, H. L. Joslyn; Westminster, F. A. Newman; Wildwood, James E. Murdock; Willard, E. L. English; Wilmington First, J. S. MacKenzie; Winter Park, Miles Clemmer; Stafford Memorial, R. J. Murphy. (55)

A quorum was present.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Retiring Moderator, the Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr.

The Rev. D. A. Bowles, was elected moderator.

Lt. Commander Malcolm W. Graham, of Enoree Presbytery was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Rev. W. L. Foley of the host church, welcomed Presbytery most graciously and made an announcement relative to the entertainment of Presbytery.

A docket, prepared by the Stated Clerk was presented and adopted with the following amendments: That Presbytery engage in a season of prayer at 12:00 noon for the new administration in Washington and for all civic rulers, that Mr. Fred Little be heard relative to the church and manse assistance fellowship upon his arrival, and that Mr. Dallas Herring be heard relative to the Group Life Insurance now offered by the Board of Annuities and Relief before lunch. The docket with these amendments is as follows:

THE 181st STATED SESSION OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
WESTMINISTER CHURCH, WHITEVILLE, N. C.

JANUARY 20, 1953

The Proposed Docket

10:00 a.m.
- Worship, Sermon by the Retired Moderator—Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr.
- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper—Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker

10:50 a.m.
- Roll Call
- Presbytery Constituted with Prayer
- Election of Moderator (Rev. D. A. Bowles, Nominee)
- Introduction of Guests
- Adoption of Docket
- Reading and Referring of Communications

11:10 a.m.
- Reports of Permanent Committees
  - Church Extension—Rev. M. C. MacQueen
  - World Missions—Rev. D. A. Bowles
  - Sabbath and Family Religion—Rev. J. M. Waggett
  - Nominations—Rev. W. H. Hood

12:30 p.m.
- Appointment of Standing Committees: Leave of Absence, Place of Next Meeting, Thanks
- Reports of Commissions:
  - Organization of Chapel on the Boardwalk
  - Organization of Oak Grove Church
  - Installations of Pastors
  - The Minister and His Work

1:00 p.m.
- Adjourn for Lunch and Committee Meetings

2:00 p.m.
- Reconvene with hymn and prayer
- Election of Commissioners to General Assembly
- Reception of New Members
- Reports of Committees

New Business
Nomination of Moderator
Reading of Minutes
Roll Call and Adjournment

A communication from the division of Negro Work, of the Board of Church Extension, was read, the subject matter being the forthcoming campaign in behalf of Negro Work and Stillman college. The communication was received as information.

A communication from Dr. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, informing Presbytery that the nine months church year is to be interpreted as a full year so far as the General Assembly's office is concerned, was received as information. A second communication from Dr. Scott pointed out that Wilmington Presbytery could be entitled to 8 rather than 6 commissioners to the General Assembly to convene in June. This was received as information.

The Committee on Church Extension made its report. Pending the adoption of the report Presbytery heard Mr. Fred Little in a special order of the day, relative to the Church and Manse Assistance Fellowship. The report was adopted.

THE DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS

All aid-receiving churches of the Presbytery have had the full-time services of pastors during the year with the exception of Chinquapin and Bethel. These churches have been without a pastor for more than two years. At the present time they have a pastor on call.

Three new pastorates were formed during the year: Acme-White Plains, Tabor City, Chapel on the Boardwalk, Oak Grove Chapel. Woodburn church, formerly grouped with Acme, now has the services of Rev. J. D. Withrow for all of his time.

New work was begun in Havelock, adjacent to the Cherry Point Marine Air Base, in November. Miss Mildred Mallard, extension worker for the Synod, has given full time to this work since the first of October and now has a Sunday School with classes for all ages and preaching services every Sunday morning. The Church Extension Committee of the Assembly has made an appropriation of $10,000 toward a building and an additional $4,000, or as much of that amount as may be needed, for a building site. The Synod's Church Extension Committee has made an appropriation of $5,000 toward a building. A committee is now seeking a suitable location for the building.

Two chapels were organized into churches during the year: The Chapel on the Boardwalk and Oak Grove Chapel.

The new brick church and educational building at Brunswick has been completed and is now in use. Antioch, Stanford and Topsail have added Sunday School rooms to their buildings during the year.

Delgado church has been thoroughly renovated. The Chinquapin manse has undergone reconditioning and had a central heating plant installed.

Five pastorates, embracing nine churches, have assumed full self-support during the year: Carolina Beach-Myrtle Grove, under the leadership of Rev. Jack W. Ware; Beulaville-Antioch, under the leadership of Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr.; Grove-Hallsville, under the leadership of Rev. J. T. Hayter; Jacksonville, under the leadership of the supply pastor, Rev. Herbert Meza, Topsail-Delgado, under the leadership of Rev. Thos. B. Ruff.

A manse for the Acme-White Plains field is under construction. This project received a grant-in-aid in the amount of $8,000.00. The Presbytery retains the title to this property. Other grants-in-aid made during the year are: Brunswick church $500.00, Garland Church $500.00, Tabor City Manse $500.00, Woodburn manse repairs $300.00, Chinquapin manse repairs $1,333.00, Black River educational building $500.00.

Salary supplements were paid to 23 pastors in the aggregate sum of $13,530.57 for the nine months period, April 1, 1952 - December 31, 1952.

A total of $2,755.65 has been paid out for repairs and upkeep of property owned by the Presbytery during the nine months period, April 1, 1953 - December 31, 1953.

The Church and Manse Assistance Fellowship, authorized by the Presbytery and promoted by the Home Missions Committee is meeting with gratifying response. On the basis of pledges received to day, this fellowship bids fair to yield gifts of not less than $3,000 per year for grants-in-aid.

THE DIVISION OF EVANGELISM

Believing that evangelism is the primary and principal function of the church and that evangelism needs to be kept Christ-centered, the committee submits its report.

The committee calls to the attention of the ministers and elders of each church the recommendation which was adopted at the October meeting, that "each church in the Presbytery have a visitation evangelism program between this (October) and the spring meeting of Presbytery". Along with this recommendation the committee offered assistance to any church needing help in their visitation evangelism program.

We recommend:

1. That each local congregation be urged through its session to appoint a Committee on Evangelism.
2. That each church set aside certain months for evangelistic emphasis.
3. That the ministry and officers of the church be invited to join the covenant of prayer entered into by more than five hundred ministers of our denomination in which thirty minutes a day is set apart for personal meditation and communion, fifteen minutes of which is offered in intercessory prayer.
4. That, where convenient, our delegates to the General Assembly attend the Pre-Assembly Conference on Evangelism.

5. That pastors and sessions be urged to make use of Communicant Classes as a very productive method of evangelistic endeavor.
6. That all sessions follow up their members who have moved away: (a) by writing pastors in the community in which the member has moved, and, (b) reporting such Presbyterians who have moved away to the stated clerk at each regular meeting of Presbytery, that such information may be forwarded to the division of evangelism.
7. That all church members be asked to have a prayer list of inactive members and non-church members and to pray often for these persons.

CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

The principal matters covered under this heading in the Assembly reports and minutes are covered by separate committees in this Presbytery, especially notable those concerning marriage and divorce and Sabbath and family religion.

The term, "Christian Relations", however, is so general that there is no part of any Christian's relations with his fellow man that is not included under this head. Let us think of two fields in which this general application is of the greatest importance: the economic and the political.

Many years ago Dr. Ogden, in an address on employer-employee relationships, quoted the salutation of Boaz to his reapers and their response (Ruth 2:4) as representing the mutual regard for each other that obtained between that ancient man and his hired workers, and he pointed out that when this spirit motivates the relations between Labor and Capital a just and happy solution to their problems is assured. The same may be said of the relations between landlords who rent dwellings and apartments and their tenants, between farmers and share-croppers; between time merchants and credit customers. It is a happy fact to contemplate that in numerous conspicuous cases, and in no one knows how many obscure cases, such relationships are characterized by the mutual love and esteem of Christians. There are, however, occasional complaints voiced, and sometimes many such.

Some Presbyterians sometimes express concern and deep regret that our church seems unable to reach as many of the tenant-employee groups of our neighbors as we should. To some our church is very largely a class church. It might be relevant to ask if one reason the tenant so often does not attend the church his landlord attends is some unconfessed feeling that the relations between them is not wholly up to the standard that mutual Christian love requires. This question should not be asked with reference to only one party, but to both. This is a question that requires caution in its asking, for there are many valid reasons with no intimation of fault that cause men to attend different churches. Still every Christian's conscience should be clear on this point.

In the political field we do not consider it the business of the church to enter politics; but we cannot have a Christian national order unless men take their duties as citizens and as public officials as Christian relations with their fellowmen. Faithfulness in the performance of civic duties is a Christian virtue, and an accession to office is a trust, not a trophy.

It is hardly conceivable that the three most significant revolutions in modern history, all of them within nominally Christian nations, could ever have occurred, if Christianity had seriously dominated the relations between all groups concerned. I refer to the Russian Communist Revolution, the French Revolution, and the American Revolution. What sort of a world would we have today, if Christian relations had prevented those revolutions?

NEGRO WORK

The Committee on Negro Work in our Presbytery, in conjunction with a committee of the First Church, Wilmington, invited Rev. Lawrence Bottoms, Assistant Director of Negro Work of the Board of Church Extension, to come to Wilmington for a survey of the needs and opportunities for additional religious work among the Negroes of that city. Mr. Bottoms came to Wilmington in November and made a survey. At the conclusion of the survey he made a report to the committee of the First Presbyterian church and recommened work for Negroes in the South Side of Wilmington, using temporarily the building formerly used by the Queen Street Mission but with the view of locating later on a site between the Hillcrest and Jervay Housing Projects. The committee now has this recommendation before it.

At the present time no work is being done among Negroes by the Presbytery church, U. S., within the boundaries of our Presbytery.

DEFENSE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

"Maintaining the Tie" between the church and her servicemen and women at home and overseas is the task of the Defense Service Department of the Division of Home Missions. During the past year the number of our ministers serving as full-time chaplains increased from 40 to 52. Today these men are our church extension representatives in Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Midway, Canal Zone, Germany, and on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, as well as in the four corners of the continential United States. In addition to these chaplains on active duty, we have 8 part-time chaplains working in the Veterans Administration hospitals and 154 among the reserve components of our Armed Forces.

The Defense Service Department of the Assembly receives many requests for additional workers and building aid from churches adjacent to camp areas. Most of these cannot be met because of inadequate funds. However, Jacksonville and Cherry Point, within the bounds of our Presbytery, have received grants-in-aid amounting to $10,000 and $5,000 respectively. Yet, more help is needed if we are to adequately meet the challenge. Jacksonville has been declared to be the finest opportunity in America. Cherry Point is equally as good.

The churches of our Presbytery should note that support of the Assembly's Defense Service Department is no longer in the percentage budget, and is entirely dependent on the Special offering taken on Mother's Day.

RADIO

It is pleasing to note that our ministers in the Wilmington Presbytery are participating in morning devotionals at all stations in the Presbytery. It is equally as gratifying that all of the stations in the Presbytery are willing to carry "Presbytery meditations" over their

stations. It has been necessary to contact some of these stations personally, in order to secure this cooperation, since there are so many demands for the stations' time.

Presbyterian services are being broadcast on Sundays over several of the stations, and the cooperation of the management of all stations has been most gratifying.

It is recommended that Presbyterian laymen participate more frequently in conducting radio programs and not lay the entire burden upon our ministers. We have a number of laymen in the Presbytery who are not only qualified, but are entirely willing to participate in such programs.

Presbytery authorized its committee on Home Missions to borrow the sum of $7,500 for the purpose of constructing a dwelling in Reigelwood to be used as a manse for the pastor who now serves the Acme church;

Instructed its trustees, Joshua S. James, James H. Clark, and Walter P. Sprunt, to sign a note for the amount of $7,500 in favor of the Board of Church Extension, Presbyterian Church, U. S., and instructed its trustees named above to issue a deed of trust on real estate located at 209 N. 13th Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, N. C., in favor of the Board of Church Extension, Presbyterian Church, U. S., and to give this as security for the above note.

Presbytery engaged in a season of prayer for God to give guidance and strength to the administration of the new president of the United States, his cabinet, and all officers of government in our land and in the world. The prayers were led by the Rev. B. F. Hall, the Rev. R. L. McBath, and the Rev. M. J. McChesney.

The Rev. M. C. MacQueen took the chair.

The report of the committee on World Missions and Interchurch Aid was given by the chairman, the Rev. D. A. Bowles, and was adopted.

WORLD MISSIONS

The Committee on World Missions submits the following report:

1. A Word about Each of Our Fields

Congo—The phenomenal development of our work in the Congo, conspicuous for many years, continues with an every-increasing acceleration. Indeed, this very progress constitutes in a sense our major embarrassment. Ten central stations, with their inter-related programs of evangelistic, educational, medical, social, and industrial activities reaching into more than a thousand villages, have taxed the capacities of our missionaries to the utmost. The task that confronts the Mission is all but staggering in its dimensions.

Mexico—The keynote of our Mexico work is expressed in the word "Pioneering". A glance at the towns and cities occupied by our

missionaries shows many new places, indicating that we are leaving the better established centers for areas hitherto unreached. It is this policy that has prompted our Mexico Mission to sound its urgent call for additional evangelistic workers. Scores of towns and villages lie untouched by the Gospel.

Brazil—Probably the most significant aspect of our work in Brazil is the growth and development of the National Presbyterian Church. The year 1959 will mark the centennial of Presbyterianism in that country. In no other nation of South America has the impact of Protestantism been felt so strongly. Whereas the census of 1940 indicated only two percent of the population as Protestant, the 1950 census lists the Protestant strength at eight percent. Brazil is beginning to question the validity and the worth-whileness of her old spiritual foundations.

Formosa—From one of our missionaries in Formosa comes this word,

"In our many years on the mission field we have never seen a field more ripe for the sowing and reaping for the Kingdom of God."

Then, in speaking of the refugees from the Mainland, he says,

"There are 1,500,000 of them away from their homes and many of them have lost all worldly belongings. They are away from the non-Christian religions which usually bound them to their homes in China—they are free from customs which would prevent them from becoming Christians. Hence, among these lonely and discouraged people the Gospel finds a ready response. The big problem which is facing the missionaries and the Formosan Presbyterian Church is how to teach and absorb these many new believers from the Mainland."

Japan—The outstanding characteristic of our work in Japan today as contrasted with the pre-war days is to be seen in the eagerness with which the people respond to the Christian life and message. Where indifference and scanty attendance broke the hearts of the missionaries of the earlier days, the problem of our workers in the present situation is to meet the demands of a population which for the first time is seriously investigating the claims of Christianity.

Korea—Throughout the U. N. zone in Korea the churches are alive and active. It is no exaggeration to say that Southern Korea is more nearly saturated with Christian activity than it has ever been. Hundreds of thousands of refugees, many of them Christians, are concentrated in the southern fringe of the peninsula and on some of the islands that lie off the coast. Word comes to us of the organization of scores of new churches, and converts even from among the Communist prisoners. Our four chief centers of work are all open and occupied, and from these points a missionary program of surprising proportions is being projected into the outlying country districts. In the territory occupied by our Mission alone, there are nearly a thousand active Presbyterian churches and congregations.

2. Our Missionary Needs.

Thirty-two new missionaries were commissioned at the service closing the World Mission Conference in Montreat this year. Most of them are now on the field. Some have expressed the judgment that this is as fine a group as has ever been sent out by our Church.

However, missionaries are still needed to do the job which has been given us in eight foreign countries. The greatest need is for evangelistic missionaries. There is urgent need for ordained ministers in Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, and Korea.

3. Overseas Relief and Inter-church Aid.

The Department of Ovearseas Relief and Inter-church Aid continues its service of love and mercy in war-torn countries. Material and spiritual aid has been sent to Korea, Palestine, and Europe. The Reformed Church in Europe has been strengthened by aid given to four theological seminaries. Cooperation with and participation in the programs of the World Council of Churches, Church World Service, and CROP have made possible a varied and important ministry to refugees and churches.

Support for this Department shows a slight increase over last year. The Easter offering, 1952, amounted to $51,500.00, an increase of $6,500.00. In addition, the basic sum of $115,000.00 is allocated to this work from benevolent contributions to World Missions. The total, $166,500.00, falls far short of meeting the tremendous needs.

4. Financial Situation.

The total receipts for the period from April 1st, 1952, through August 31st, showed a net increase of $79,157.90 over the same period of a year ago.

However, attention is called to the fact that it is not sufficient to cover the increase in the Board's spending budget for the current church year. This was enlarged by the order of the General Assembly; and due to the expansion of the work and its higher cost a still larger increase will be necessary to meet the budget requirement for the year.

Our Lord saw the needy multitudes and had compassion on them. "Then saith He unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." In other words He summoned them to see the need and to manifest the same compassion. Then follows the two-fold command: Pray—Go (Matthew 10:1, 7, 8). If the church can see the need and have something of the mind of Christ, obedience will follow. The response of the churches is in proportion to the vision of the ministers.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the ministers and churches of our Presbytery constantly present the challenge of World Missions to young people considering full time Christian service, reminding them of the ever increasing need for new missionaries.

(2) That every church in the Presbytery, with its organization, be asked to observe January 25 to February 1, 1953 as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for World Missions; and that all Sessions be urged to arrange for supplemental offerings in the churches.

(3) That all churches, societies, and individuals assume wherever possible definite responsibility for definite parts of the World Mission Work.

(4) That the fullest possible use be made of furloughed missionaries as speakers and leaders in our churches—not only during the World Mission season but throughout the entire year.

(5) That our pastors and churches be urged to keep before their members the great need for material and spiritual help in war-torn areas of the world.

(6) That collections of used clothing, blankets, et cetera, be made by churches at least twice a year, designated as contributions from the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and sent to Church World Service, New Windsor, Maryland.

(7) That attention be drawn to the Easter offering for Overseas Relief and Inter-church Aid, April 5, 1953, as authorized by the General Assembly, and all Sessions be urged to arrange for its observance.

Dr. J. M. Waggett made the report for the committee on Sabbath and Family Religion which was adopted and is as follows:

At one time Robert Burns wrote,

"The power incensed, the pageant will desert
The pomous strain, the sacerdotal stole;
But haply, in some cottage far apart,
May hear, well pleased, the language of the soul
And in His book of Life the inmates poor enroll."

In these later years, the pageant is with us. It has imposed its presence upon our social structure, and we see it stealing much of the time once given to the Sabbath worship hour and the religious ritual of the home.

In spite of this we can observe in our midst a growing spiritual consciousness, a search for spiritual guidance and an interpretation of religion which may yield a richer human experience and a greater sense of reality that was the heritage of much of the past.

The Rev. W. L. Foley reported for the committee on Nominations. The report was amended. Presbytery re-elected its trustees to educational institutions whose terms expire at this meeting of Presbytery, and adopted the remainder of the report of the committee on Nominations, which is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations submits the following report:

World Missions—Rev. S. N. Thomas to succeed Rev. Carl B. Craig.

Annuities and Relief—Rev. Wm. B. Hood to succeed Rev. Carl B. Craig.

Divorce and Re-marriage, Area No. 3—Rev. W. F. F. Little to succeed Rev. Carl B. Craig.

Nominations—Rev. N. P. Farrior to succeed Rev. William Hood, Rev. L. C. Tucker to succeed Rev. J. W. Ware, Rev. J. D. Withrow to succeed Rev W. L. Foley, Mr. Litz Huey to succeed Mr. C. S. Clark, Mr. Luther Powell to succeed Mr. W. E. Starnes.

Examinations—

Experimental Religion—Rev. J. A. Nisbet to succeed Rev. Carl B. Craig.

Theology—Rev. Price H. Gwynn to succeed Rev. William Hood.

Sacraments and Church Government—Rev. S. W. Hogue to succeed Rev. A. K. Dudley.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

Resolutions of Thanks—The Rev. L. C. Tucker, the Rev. S. N. Thomas, and Ruling Elder F. S. Wilson.

Leave of Absence—The Revs. F. T. Reid, J. W. Miller and Ruling Elder Miles Clemmer.

Time and Place of Next Meeting—The Revs. F. C. Hutcheson, H. J. Kaylor and Ruling Elder M. V. Orr.

The minutes of the commission to organize The Little Chapel on the Boardwalk were read and admitted to record:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON TO ORGANIZE THE LITTLE CHAPEL ON THE BOARDWALK, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, N. C., AND TO INSTALL THREE ELDERS AND THREE DEACONS ELECT—The Commission consisting of Dr. William Crowe, Jr., Dr. Frank Hall, Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. A. K. Dudley, and Ruling Elder W. M. Dickson.

The meeting was called to order in the Sunday School room of the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, at 2:55 p.m., Sunday, December 7, 1952, and opened with prayer by Dr. William Crowe, Jr., with the following present: Dr. William Crowe, Dr. Frank Hall, Rev. A. K. Dudley, Rev. Jerry McCann, and Elder W. M. Dickson.

Dr. Hall, the Moderator, stated the purpose of the meeting, after which the following persons were received into membership of the church, on profession of their faith in Christ:

Jack Lofton Lane
Gretchen Caldwell
Jackie Leon Sanders
Wm. Edward Caldwell
Michael Edward Mallory
Barbara Leigh Gourley

All except Jackie Leon Sanders and Barbara Leigh Gourley had been baptized, and they were baptized by the Rev. McCann in service following this meeting.

The meeting recessed at 3:05 p.m., to reconvene after the service.

The service was as follows:

Prelude
Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Singing of Hymn No. 12—"Come Thou Almighty King"
Responsive Reading—Psalm 46, Selection 366
Gloria Patri
Scripture Reading—Rev. McCann

Offertory—"The Publican"

Offertory Prayer—Rev. McCann

Announcements

A Brief Statement of the History of the Chapel—Rev. William Crowe, Jr.

Singing of Hymn No. 228—"The Church's One Foundation"

Sermon—Rev. B. Frank Hall

Organization of the Church—Rev. William Crowe, Jr.

Explanation of Purpose
Prayer
Reception of Members
Administration of the Sacrament of Baptism
Reaffirmation of Church Vows
The Covenant of Disciples

Dr. Crowe read list of the Charter Members of The Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, which was as follows:

Mrs. Roger C. McCarl, First Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Dr. J. Howard Smith, First Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. J. Howard Smith, First Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Nancy Louise Rivers, First Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Robert William Martin, First Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Julian Richard Rogers, First Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Ray Meares Buck, Jr., First Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mr. Edward Hawkins, First Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Michael Robin Hawkins, First Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Stone, First Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. Katherine E. Rivers, First Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mr. J. D. Carnes, Whiteville Methodist Church—Whiteville, N. C.
Mrs. Theo Carnes, Buies Creek Baptist Church—Buies Creek, N. C.
Mrs. Edward Hawkins, Calvary Baptist Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. C. E. Sanders, Fourth Street Baptist Church—Hartsville, S. C.
Mrs. Eva Sanders Cross, First Baptist Church—Hartsville, S. C.
Mr. J. F. Applewhite, St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mr. Edward Mallory, St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. Edward Mallory, St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. J. R. Sneeden, St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mr. J. M. Kornegay, St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. F. H. Stewart, Cape Fear Presbyterian Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mr. Oscar Register, St. Andrews on Sound Episcopal Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. Oscar Register, St. Andrews on Sound Episcopal Church—Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Caldwell, First Presbyterian Church—Lumberton, N. C.
Mr. W. E. Caldwell, First Baptist Church—Lumberton, N. C.
Mr. McCray Root, First Presbyterian Church—Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. Anne C. Lane, Church of Good Shepherd, Episcopal
Rocky Mount, N. C.
Mrs. D. H. White, Winter Park Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, N. C.
Helen White, Winter Park Presbyterian Church.....Wilmington, N. C.
Mr. W. R. Lucas, First Presbyterian Church.....Greensboro, N. C.
Mrs. W. R. Lucas, First Presbyterian Church.....Greensboro, N. C.
Mr. Maynard Hudgens, Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church
Clinton, N. C.
Mrs. Maynard Hudgens, Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church
Clinton, N. C.
Mrs. Otis F. Strother, Jr., First Presbyterian Church..Goldsboro, N. C.
Otis F. Strother III, First Presbyterian Church.....Goldsboro, N. C.
Lamar Strother, First Presbyterian Church.....Goldsboro, N. C.
Mr. Clifton Dixon, Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. Clifton Dixon, Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, N. C.
Wm. Henry Dixon II, Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, N. C.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons—Rev. A. K. Dudley
Introductory Statement
Propounding of the Constitutional Questions
Setting apart of Elders
Setting apart of Deacons
The Giving of the Right Hand of Fellowship

Recognition of Affiliate Members
A Charge to the Congregation and the Officers Relative to Their Vows.....Ruling Elder W. M. Dickson
Singing of Hymn—"O Risen Christ"
Benediction—Rev. McCann

Immediately after completion of the service, the Commission reconvened in the Sunday School room, The Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, at 4:50 p.m., December 7, 1952, with the following present: Dr. William Crowe, Jr., Dr. Frank Hall, Rev. A. K. Dudley, Rev. Jerry McCann, and Elder W. M. Dickson.

After it was stated that the purpose for which the Commission had been appointed had been accomplished, it was moved and seconded that the Commission adjourn, the minutes of the meeting to be approved by the Executive Secretary, and meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. K. Dudley. Adjournment was at 5:00 p.m.

W. M. DICKSON,
Clerk

The Minutes of the commission to organize the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church were read, and admitted to record, and are as follows:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON TO ORGANIZE THE OAK GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND INSTALL THREE ELDERS AND THREE DEACONS ELECT—The Commission consisting of Dr. William Crowe, Jr., Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. M. J. McChesney, and Ruling Elders L. N. Boney, W. M. Dickson, Eustace Norfleet, and J. W. Hoge.

The meeting was called to order in the Sunday School room, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, at 6:55 p.m., November 9, 1952, and opened with prayer by Dr. William Crowe, Jr., with the following present: Rev. M. J. McChesney, Rev. Jerry McCann, and Elders W. M. Dickson and J. W. Hoge.

Dr. Crowe, the moderator, stated the purpose of the meeting, after which the following persons were received into membership of the church:

Mrs. Porter Davis, Jr.—by certificate of membership from the Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington, N. C.

Betty Jane Talman, born January 21, 1940—on profession of her faith in Christ.

The meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m., to reconvene after the service.

The service which was presided over by Dr. Crowe was as follows:

Evening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Responsive Reading—Selection 515

Singing of Hymn No. 5—"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Scripture Reading—By the Rev. M. J. McChesney—II John 1-11

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

A Brief Statement of the History of the Chapel—Ruling Elder W. M. Dickson

Singing of Hymn No. 406—"The Church's One Foundation"

Sermon—Rev. L. A. Taylor

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH—Rev. William Crowe, Jr.
- Explanation of Purpose
- Prayer
- Reception of Members
- Administration of the Sacrament of Baptism—Betty Jane Talman, was baptized
- The Covenant of Disciples

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS—**Elders Elect:** J. D. Colvin, R. H. Ellis, J. W. Vogels; **Deacons Elect:** T. W. Fogleman, J. D. Neal, C. D. Parker
- Introductory Statement
- Propounding of the Constitutional Questions
- Prayer
- Setting Apart of the Elders
- Setting Apart of the Deacons
- The Giving of the Right Hand of Fellowship

Dr. Crowe read the following list of names who are being given certificate of membership from the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, and dismission to Oak Grove Presbyterian Church:

Mr. Lloyd W. Bordeaux, Mrs. Lloyd W. Bordeaux, Mrs. Vera Bryan, Miss Lillie Bryan, Miss Maggie Bryan, Miss Flossie Bryan, Mr. James D. Colvin, Mrs. James D. Colvin, Mr. T. W. Fogleman, Mrs. T. W. Fogleman, Mr. Richard Fogleman, Mrs. J. E. Grady, Mrs. Hopie Barnes Guy, Mr. L. W. Hood, Mrs. L. W. Hood, Mrs. B. E. Harvell;

Mr. C. D. Parker, Mrs. C. D. Parker, Mr. Jimmie Parker, Mr. Dennis Parker, Mr. Leon H. Peterson, Mrs. George F. Potter, Miss Marie Potter, Mr. Geo. G. Potter, Jr., Mr. James D. Colvin, Jr., Mrs. Maude Cox, Mr. Ralph H. Ellis, Mrs. Ralph H. (Florine Guy) Ellis, Mr. E. L. Ellis, Mrs. E. L. Ellis, Miss Nickie Ellis, Mr. George English, Mrs. George English, Miss Carolyn English;

Mrs. D. E. Jones, Mr. Ray S. Landen, Mrs. Ray S. Landen, Miss Doris Landen, Mr. Thomas Landen, Mr. William J. Langley, Mrs. William J. Langley, Mr. Jesse D. Neal, Mrs. Jesse D. Neal, Mr. Warren Neal, Miss Florie Sellers, Mrs. Frank Talman, Mr. Matthew Page Taylor, Jr., Mr. James L. Trogdon, Mrs. James L. Trogdon, Mr. J. W. Vogels, Mrs. J. W. Vogels, Mr. Bobby Vogels, Mr. Benny Vogels.

The moderator introduced Mr. George L. Mitchell, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, who stated he had been requested by the Session of the First Church to attend this service and extend to Oak Grove Presbyterian Church the good wishes of the First Presbyterian Church, which Mr. Mitchell did in a very effective manner.

A Charge to the Congregation and the Officers Relative to Their Vows.....Ruling Elder J. W. Hoge

Singing of Hymn—"O Risen Christ"

Benediction—Rev. M. J. McChesney

Immediately after completion of the service, the Commission reconvened in the Sunday School room, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, at 8:50 p.m., November 9, 1952, with the following members present: Dr. William Crowe, Jr., Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. M. J. McChesney, and Elders W. M. Dickson and J. W. Hoge.

After it was stated that the purpose for which the Commission had been appointed had been accomplished, it was moved and seconded that the Commission adjourn, which was done after prayer by the Rev. McChesney. Adjournment was at 8:55 p.m.

W. M. DICKSON,
Clerk

The Minutes of the Commission to ordain and install the Rev. Samuel N. Thomas as pastor of the White Plains church were read and admitted to record, as were also the Minutes of the Commission to install Mr. Thomas as pastor of the Acme church. These Minutes are as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL REV. SAMUEL N. THOMAS AS PASTOR OF THE WHITE PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to ordain and install the Rev. Samuel N. Thomas as pastor of the White Plains Presbyterian church met in the Sunday School room of the church at 7:30 p.m., on August 3, 1952. Members present were Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. J. D. Withrow, Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, and Ruling Elder E. L. Derrick, Sr.

The commission was called to order by the Rev. L. A. Taylor and opened with prayer. Ruling Elder E. L. Derrick, Sr., was elected to serve as clerk. The parts were assigned and the commission retired to the church for the service which followed.

The Rev. F. C. Hutcheson presided and propounded the constitutional questions. Rev. J. D. Withrow gave the charge to the people; the Rev. L. A. Taylor preached the sermon and Ruling Elder E. L. Derrick, Sr., gave the charge to the pastor. The Rev. Samuel N. Thomas pronounced the benediction.

The commission was reconvened and the minutes were read and approved. The commission was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. L. A. Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. DERRICK, SR.
Clerk of the Commission

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL SAMUEL THOMAS AS PASTOR OF THE ACME PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to install Samuel Thomas as pastor of the Acme Presbyterian church met in the Sunday School room of the church at 7:15 p.m., on November 2, 1952. Members present were Rev. M. G. Stimpson, Chairman; Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, and Elder J. A. Hufham, Jr.

The commission was called to order by the chairman, M. G. Stimpson, and opened with a prayer. J. A. Hufham, Jr., was elected to serve as clerk. The parts were assigned and the commission retired to the church sanctuary for the service which followed.

J. A. Hufham, Jr., presided over the service and had the invocation. Rev. Millard Stimpson preached the sermon. The Rev. F. C. Hutcheson propounded the constitutional question and delivered the charge to the minister. The Rev. Millard Stimpson delivered the charge to the congregation and Rev. S. N. Thomas pronounced the benediction.

The commission reconvened and the minutes were read and approved. The commission was adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. G. Stimpson.

Respectfully submitted
J. A. HUFHAM, JR.
Clerk of the Commission

The Rev. B. E. Dotson presented the report of the commission on the Minister and His Work, which was admitted to record.

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK PRESENTED TO PRESBYTERY AT REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 20, 1953

The calls for the services of the Rev. Taylor O. Bird to the Calypso, Faison, and Stanford churches received and found in order. The commission recommends Mr. Bird to Presbytery.

At his request and with the consent of Jacksonville church, the commission has authorized the dismissal of the Rev. Carl B. Craig to Orange Presbytery where he will labor in Meadowside Presbyterian church, Greensboro.

The call of Brunswick church for the part time service of the Rev. Fletcher C. Hutcheson is found in order and the commission recommends Mr. Hutcheson for this work.

The commission approved the appointment of the Rev. Herbert Meza as temporary Supply of the Jacksonville church.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. DOTSON,
Chairman

Presbytery heard Mr. Dallas Herring, Elder in the Mt. Zion church, relative to the Group Life Insurance plan now offered by the Board of Annuities and Relief. The report was received as information.

The Presbytery's Council was directed to secure a policy on the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed for lunch, to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. Prayer was led by the Rev. J. W. Ware.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 p.m., with the singing of a hymn, and prayer by the moderator.

The following were elected as commissioners to the General Assembly which meets June 4th, at Montreat, N. C.

Ministers: Principals J. A. Nisbet, W. H. Goodman, Jr., and J. M. Waggett; Alternates, S. M. Houck, F. T. Read, and L. C. Tucker.

Elders: Principals F. A. Haasis, D. M. Calhoun, and Carl Southerland; Alternates, W. M. Dickson, H. B. Rivenbark and Miles Clemmer.

A letter of transfer for the Rev. Taylor O. Bird from the Presbytery of Columbia, Synod of Tenn., was read to Presbytery and Mr. Byrd was admitted to examination.

The examination of experimental religion was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Miller and was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination on Theology was conducted by the Rev. B. F. Hall, and was sustained as satisfactory.

The examination and sacraments and church government was conducted by the Rev. W. L. Foley and was sustained as satisfactory. The examination as a whole was sustained

as satisfactory, and Mr. Bird ordered enrolled as a member of Presbytery upon signing of the minister's obligation.

Calls for the services of Mr. Bird from the Faison, Calypso, and Stanford churches were read, found in order and placed in his hands. Mr. Bird signified his acceptance of the calls and the following commission was appointed to install him.

Ministers: B. E. Dotson, M. C. MacQueen and L. A. Taylor, Ruling Elders, Herman Brogden, A. P. Cates and L. L. Flowers. The hours and date to be left to Mr. Bird and the commission.

A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. F. C. Hutcheson from the Brunswick church was read, found in order and placed in his hands. Mr. Hutcheson signified his acceptance of the call and the following commission was appointed to install him there:

Rev. M. C. MacQueen, D. A. Bowles and L. A. Taylor, and Ruling Elders J. R. Marks and W. O. Jackson, Jr. The time and hour to be left in the hands of the commission.

A commission to revise Presbytery's manual was elected with instructions to have the manual ready to present to Presbytery at the July meeting. The commission was granted approximately $50 from Presbytery's Contingent funds for its expenses.

The personnel of the commission is as follows: P. H. Gwynn, convenor, L. A. Taylor, N. P. Farrior, S. M. Houck, Dallas Herring, W. H. Henderson, and W. M. Boice. The commission to elect its own chairman.

A motion that "an ad-interim committee be appointed, in keeping with the General Assembly's recommendation, to study the salaries of the ministers of Presbytery and that at least 75% of this committee be composed of laymen" was adopted. The moderator to announce the personnel of this committee later.

Permission was granted to the Topsail and Delgado churches to amend the terms of the calls to the Rev. T. B. Ruff so that his total salary from the two churches will be $3,600. The churches were commended for this action.

The committee on Resolutions made its report, which was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Presbytery of Wilmington wishes to express its appreciation to the pastor, officers, and members of the Westminster Presbyterian church for the privilege of meeting here. Especially do we thank the women of the Westminster church for the wonderful meal provided for our physical needs. We commend the congregation of

the Westminster church on their new Fellowship building. We appreciate the hospitality of the members of the church and the Session.

We also thank the retiring moderator, the Rev. W. H. Goodman, for his excellent sermon.

L. C. TUCKER, Chairman
S. N. THOMAS
ELDER F. S. WILSON

The committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following had asked to be excused from Presbytery: Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, sick; Rev. Mr. R. L. McBath at 12:00 M.; the Rev. W. F. F. Little at 3:00, and the Rev. F. T. Read at 3:00 p.m. Also Elders J. H. Bender, George Sutton and J. K. Currie at 3:00 p.m. These were excused.

The committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting announced that no invitations for Presbytery had been received and recommended that the place be left in the hands of the stated clerk and the moderator. Presbytery will meet on April 21st. The recommendation of the committee was adpoted.

The Rev. J. W. Ware of Carolina Beach was designated as Moderator-Nominee for the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The Minutes were read and approved. The roll was called, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the moderator.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

STATED SESSION

The 182nd stated session of the Presbytery of Wilmington met Tuesday, April 21st, at the Hallsville Presbyterian church at 10:00 a.m. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring moderator, the Rev. D. A. Bowles, on the subject of "The Holy Catholic Church". He used as his scripture Matt. 16:13f.

The following ministers were enrolled:

W. H. Allison, D. A. Bowles, T. O. Bird, P. L. Clark, W. P. Conyers, William Crowe, Jr., B. E. Dotson, A. K. Dudley, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Goodman, B. F. Hall, J. T. Hayter, W. B. Hood, F. C. Hutcheson, H. J. Kaylor, M. C. MacQueen, J. C. McCann, W. F. F. Little, M. J. McChesney, J. W. Miller, J. A. Nisbet, F. T. Read, T. B. Ruff, C. C. Myers, N. G. Stevens, M. G. Stimpson, L. A. Taylor, S. N. Thomas, L. C. Tucker, J. M. Waggett, J. W. Ware, J. D. Withrow, E. D. Witherspoon. (33)

The following churches were enrolled by their representatives:

Antioch—N. A. Burton, Baker—W. M. Dail, Beth Car—P. H. Myers, Bethany—H. B. Rivenbark, Bethel—J. E. Alberton, Beulaville—Gardner Edwards, Bladenboro—J. F. Davis, Brunswick—J. P. Dozier, Burgaw—Cleveland Bowden, Chadbourn—J. M. Jackson, Chinquapin—John Hollingsworth, Clarkton—J. D. McKee, Croatan—C. L. Hughes, Elizabethtown—D. M. Calhoun, Elkton—W. J. Elkins, Faison—W. H. McCullen, Graves Memorial—F. B. Johnson, Grove—J. L. Williams, Hallsville—J. D. Evans, Harper-Southerland—Nick Smith, Holly Grove—J. T. Prasson, Jr., Hopewell—F. A. Murray, Immanuel—Herbert J. Farrar, Jacksonville—Dan Bright, Lake Waccamaw—G. T. Sutton, McClure Memorial—E. J. Scott, Mt. Horeb—H. A. Monroe, Mt. Olive—Wm. Patterson, Mt. Williams—R. A. Thigpen, Myrtle Grove—Norwood Bender, Oak Grove—J. W. Vogels, Oak Plains—H. H. Hall, Pearsall Memorial—Paul R. Jordan, Sr., Pink Hill—Earl D. Smith, Pollocksville—B. H. Bender, Rock Fish—J. May Wells, Rocky Point—E. F. Langston, St. Andrews-Covenant—R. C. Platt, Jr., Smith—Ray Smith, Teachey—D. H. Boney, Topsail—R. M. Thomas, Wallace—J. W. Wells, Warsaw—L. B. Huie, Webb Memorial—James W. Kellogg, Westminster—H. M. Leaman, Wildwood—J. G. Murdock, Willard—H. McN. Johnson, Wilmington, First—Glasgow Hicks, Winter Park—G. G. Murray, Woodburn—Mac F. Jones, Stafford Memorial—P. S. Cromartie, Stanford—Albert Outlaw, Calypso—H. B. Kornegay.

The following churches were not represented:

Acme, Ashwood, Black River, Bowden, Cape Fear, Carolina Beach, Caswell, Chapel on the Boardwalk, Currie, Delgado, Harmony, Hebron, Maple Hill, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oakdale, Page's Mill, Pike, Pleasant View, Southport, South River, Tabor City, White Plains, Whiteville, First.

Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Rev. D. A. Bowles. The Rev. Jack Ware was elected moderator, and the Rev. Jerry McCann was elected permanent clerk, pro tem.

Ruling Elders, who had not previously attended Presbytery were introduced and welcomed by the Presbytery.

The following communications were read and referred as follows: From the session of the Grove church, an overture relative to the Presbytery's recognition of Grove church as the first site of Presbyterianism in North Carolina, to the committee on Bills and Overtures; from N. P. Farrior, an overture to the General Assembly recommending changes in the Book of Church Order, to the committee on Bills and Overtures; from Rev. J. W. Miller, a memorial to Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff, to be read later in the day; from the stated clerk of the Presbytery, copies for Directions for Churches without Pastors, to be put in session record books; from the committee on Sessional Records, copies of suggestions for keeping sessional records, to be put in session record books.

A proposed docket was presented to the Presbytery and was amended and adopted as follows:

Docket

10:00 a.m.	Service of Worship, sermon by Rev. David A. Bowles
10:45 a.m.	Roll Call Presbytery convened with prayer Election of Moderator Introduction of Guests Reading and referring of Communications Adoption of a Docket
11:00 a.m.	Reports of Permanent Committees: Christian Education—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Chairman Treasurer's Report—Rev. L. A. Taylor
12:00 noon	Appointment of Committees: Leave of Absence, Resolutions of Thanks, Place of Next Meeting, Audits Reports of Committees: The Campaign for Negro Work—Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Chairman To Study Salaries of Pastors—Mr. George Mitchell, Chairman Reports of Commissions: To Revise Manual of Presbytery To Install Pastors: Faison, Calypso, Stanford The Minister and His Work—Rev. B. E. Dotson
1:00 p.m.	Adjournment for lunch and committee meetings
2:00 p.m.	Reconvene with hymn and prayer Women of the Church—Rev. W. Priestly Conyers, Chairman The Presbytery resolved into a committee to examine Session Records Report of Committee on Audits Report of Committee on Sessional Records

Memorial—Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff
Old Business
New Business
Roll Call
Adjournment

Dr. B. Frank Hall presented the report from the committee on Religious Education.

The committee on Education reports a full program of activities during the past year. A most successful Senior Y. P. Conference was held at Flora McDonald College in June, and for the first time two weeks of Pioneer Camp made possible the attendance of many more Pioneers than in previous years. Vacation Bible schools were held in churches throughout the Presbytery in the summer, and a comprehensive program of leadership education, with schools in each of three major areas of the Presbytery, were held during the fall and winter, bringing the opportunity for training in reach of every church. These schools were all remarkably well attended and very successful. A project to provide audio-visual aids and counsel has been undertaken under the leadership of Rev. Jack Ware, and we are still attempting to increase this valuable service. Men's work in the Presbytery went forward under the able leadership of Mr. Dallas Herring. Details of this work, as well as plans for the other departments in the coming year, will be presented verbally to Presbytery for approval as a part of this report.

There are still churches in the Presbytery which have not availed themselves of the help provided for the training of DVBS teachers through the Institute held annually in May, or of the services of trained leaders who can be secured to assist in the organization of schools. We urge that every church in the Presbytery undertake a school this summer, and that workers be prepared through participation in the DVBS Institute which will be announced as part of this report.

We recommend further that pastors and sessions encourage young people of Senior and Pioneer age to attend the appropriate conference or camp, and that churches endeavor to provide aid, where possible, in defraying the expense of such attendance.

Third, we commend to all the churches the expanding program of leadership education in the Presbytery, and invite the help and advice of pastors, sessions and church school workers in making this vital program more effective.

Fourth, we call to the attention of pastors and sessions the need of more adequate organization in local churches of Men's Groups, Young People, and Pioneer Fellowship, and urge that such organizations be encouraged and instructed to use the organization and program provided by the General Assembly's committee.

Respectfully submitted,
B. F. Hall, Chairman

He then moved that the report be adopted with recommendations following the reports of the sub-committees. Rev. J. W. Ware presented his report giving information about the Institute for Bible School Workers to be held at

St. Andrews-Covenant, Thursday, May 14. He also informed the Presbytery that Bible School workers were available and should be secured immediately if wanted. He mentioned the work of Visual Education which is to be promoted in the churches of the Presbytery. Rev. R. L. McBath was not present to report on the summer camp schedule, but information was given that the summer camp for young people would be held at Flora McDonald College the dates of June 15-20. Rev. Millard Stimpson reported that the Pioneer camp is being directed by him and Rev. J. A. Nisbet. The dates of the camp are July 20-25, cost the same as last year ($13.00), to be held at Lake Singletary.

Rev. L. A. Taylor presented the following Treasurer's report:

I. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCE

April 4, 1952 - April 4, 1953

A—TOTAL RECEIPTS		$93,123.67
Less $107.65 for Contingent Fund		107.65
		$93,016.02
B.—DISBURSEMENTS:		
World Missions	$20,079.18	
Church Extension	7,854.17	
Christian Education	3,688.78	
Annuities and Relief	4,567.37	
General Fund	3,929.26	
Inter-Church Agencies	391.55	
Synod's Church Extension	4,833.22	
Educational Institutions	6,983.65	
Orphan's Home	6,740.14	
Union Seminary	1,146.74	
Religious Education	1,466.74	
Student Work	761.88	
Presbyterian Home	956.73	
Wm. Black Home	358.83	
Presbytery's Home Missions	16,189.39	
Presbytery's Administration	5,473.56	
Equalization Fund	6,120.03	
Tithing Adventure	1,424.07	
TOTAL	$92,964.55	$92,964.55
C—RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS		$ 52.12

Mr. Taylor asked that the chairman of the Stewardship committee recommend the distribution of the Equalization Fund. Rev. M. C. MacQueen made the motion that the Stewardship committee direct the distribution of this fund, and the motion carried. The Presbytery then passed a motion

by Mr. Taylor that this record be turned over to the Auditing committee and be presented for final adoption at the July meeting.

II. OFFICE OF PRESBYTERY'S ADMINISTRATION

Report of Treasurer
April 16, 1952 - April 10, 1953

1—RECEIPTS:		
Balance brought forward	$2,450.46	
Received, Presbyterian Benevolences	5,473.56	
Received Home Missions	300.00	
Received Contingent Fund	300.00	
Received Equalization Fund	300.00	
		$8,824.02
2—DISBURSEMENTS		
Salary Executive Secretary	$5,500.00	
Travel Allowance (@ 7 cts.)	1,232.78	
Telephone	192.49	
Postage	82.53	
Secretarial help	17.50	
Bank Check Chgs. (Ben. Acct.)	40.75	
Printing and Stationery	34.75	
Annuity Dues on Salary (portion)	301.89	
Office Supplies	22.69	
		$7,425.38
3—RECEIPTS MINUS DISBURSEMENTS		$1,398.64

The report was adopted.

III. THE CONTINGENT FUND

Report of Treasurer
April 5, 1952 - April 3, 1953

1—RECEIPTS:		
From the Churches	$4,035.90	
Sale of Note	1,449.00	
Repayment of Loan	3,000.00	
TOTAL		$8,484.90
2—DISBURSEMENTS:		
Assessment of General Assembly	$1,439.36	
Assessment of Synod	512.19	
Salary, Permanent Clerk	150.00	
Allotted to Presbyterian Office	300.00	
Audit of Treasurer's Books	75.00	
Printing of Minutes, etc.	504.60	
Postage	22.69	
Office Supplies	46.50	
Report Blanks	17.45	
Typewriter	154.90	

Camera	22.50	
Repairs to Projector	59.34	
Promotional and Committee Expense	222.28	
Purchase of Wrightsville Beach Note	1,400.00	
Loan to H. M. Committee	3,000.00	
Miscellaneous	18.35	
		$7,945.16
RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS		$ 539.74

UNPAID ASSESSMENTS:

Hebron	$7.35
Maple Hill	8.75
South River	6.30

An error in this account was brought to the attention of the Presbytery by Mr. Taylor. Permission to receive this as a verbal report, and for an audit to be made, and a final report given at the July meeting was granted.

The following information was given on the Church and Manse Fellowship: 577 pledges received to date with $1,-930.00 per call.

The moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

Leave of Absence: The Revs. W. B. Hood, N. P. Farrior, and Ruling Elder J. S. Kellogg.

Bills and Overtures: The Revs. D. A. Bowles, J. W. Miller, L. C. Tucker.

Resolution of Thanks: The Revs. J. A. Nisbet, F. C. Hutcheson, J. M. Waggett, and Ruling Elder Norwood Bender.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Revs. M. G. Stimpson, A. K. Dudley, and W. F. F. Little.

Added to the Committee on Audits: Ruling Elders R. C. Platt, Jr., and T. J. Turner.

Rev. M. C. MacQueen was granted permission to present an overture relative to campaigns for funds in the church. The overture was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The report of the committee on the Campaign for Negro Work was presented. Rev. M. C. MacQueen gave his personal support to the campaign and explained the distribution of the two million dollars to be raised. He reminded the local churches that their goals had been received, and distributed literature on the campaign. Mr. MacQueen introduced Dr. Wm. Crowe, Jr., who gave an inspiring address on the great opportunity which is ours among the Negroes in our Southland. He told of the run-down state of Stillman Institute and gave convincing reasons for the great

need for trained Negro leadership today among the Negro people. Dr. Frank A. Haasis, Presbytery's lay-chairman in the Campaign for Negro Work, was presented and spoke briefly about the opportunity which is ours in this field. Mr. MacQueen also cited proposed work in Wilmington and other cities of North Carolina which would receive support from this campaign. This report was received as information.

Ruling Elder H. B. Kornegay gave the report of the committee to study Pastor's Salaries.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S AD INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY SALARIES PAID TO PASTORS

The Ad Interim committee appointed at the January 1953 meeting of Wilmington Presbytery in conformity with Recommendation 13 in the Annual Report of Assembly's Committee on The Minister and His Work, as submitted to the 92nd General Assembly in June 1952 and reading as follows:

> "That the special committees in Presbyteries study the salaries paid to pastors serving therein, and bring the matter to the attention of churches which fail to pay salaries adequate to meet the rise in the cost of living. It is suggested that laymen compose at least 75% of the membership of these committees",

presents herewith its report.

All appointees, consisting of two ministers and six laymen, accepted service on the committee.

Individual study of the subject was undertaken by the committee members, assisted by the Stated Clerk who also attended a meeting of the committee at which all members were present except one.

In exploring the background on which the recommendation of the Assembly's Committee on The Minister and His Work was based, recognition was taken of the statement made in its annual report reading as follows:

> "It is expected that the laborer or the professional man will demand pay for his services. The pastor, on the other hand, is at the mercy of the church he serves. This mercy at times may be expressed so meagerly that the minister may wonder at God's purpose in calling him to serve such a church."

Further in its report Assembly's committee stated that, according to figures furnished by our Board of Annuities and Relief, the average annual cash salary of pastors in

the Assembly as of March 1952 was $3,815, which represented an increase of 82% over 1941 as compared with an increase in the average income of wage earners in this country of 150%.

In this committee's consideration of the salaries of active pastors laboring in Wilmington Presbytery, published figures for the year ended March 31, 1952, were brought up to date by the Stated Clerk for the committee's consideration. This study developed that increases of an encouraging nature had been established during the past year by a substantial number of churches in the Presbytery, and that, almost without exception, salaries now paid are at least equal to the minimum scale heretofore adopted by our Home Mission committee of $3,000 for unmarried ministers and $3,300 for married ministers with families.

The committee expresses regret that there was not sufficient time between the January and April meetings of Presbytery in which to handle the subject directly with individual churches as might be deemed desirable, in conformity with that portion of recommendation of General Assembly's Committee on The Minister and His Work.

The committee submits the following findings and recommendations:

(1) That salaries of pastors in Wilmington Presbytery were not maintained at adequate minimum basis in 1941;
(2) That increases in such salaries within the past 12 years have not been commensurate with the increased cost of living;
(3) That basis for minimum pastors' salaries be objectively set at $3,300 per annum with living quarters for unmarried ministers, and $3,600 with manse for married ministers with up to two children; and further, that churches, singly or in groups, give prayerful consideration to the setting of pastors' salaries higher than such minima;
(4) That churches now assisted by Presbytery's Home Mission committee in the payment of pastors' salaries be urged to, as soon as and to the extent possible, relieve Presbytery of that burden so that additional funds may be available for further expansion of Home Mission Work in the Presbytery;
(5) That Presbytery provide for further study and handling of the question of its pastors' salaries in the further light of information that will be made available from reports of churches for the year ended March 31, 1953; such handling to include contacts with Elders and Deacons of such churches that it may be felt should give prayerful consideration to the payment of more adequate compensation to its pastors.

Respectfully submitted

GEO. L. MITCHELL, Chairman	H. L. SEAGROVE
WM. CROWE, JR.	J. R. MARKS
B. E. DOTSON	H. A. EDWARDS
H. B. KORNEGAY	A. P. CATES

The report was amended by the insertion of the word "compensation" for the word "salary" in Section 3. The report was adopted with this change.

The Rev. J. T. Hayter welcomed the Presbytery to the Hallsville Presbyterian church and informed the Presbytery of the arrangements for lunch. Presbytery recessed for lunch to reconvene at 2 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 2 p.m., with the singing of the hymn, "Jesus shall Reign", and a prayer by the Rev. M. J. McChesney.

The Rev. W. P. Conyers introduced Mrs. John Farrior of Burgaw, president of the Women of the Church, of Wilmington Presbytery, who brought greetings to the Presbytery from the Women of the Church and gave her report.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Mrs. John Farrior, President

In Clinton at Graves Memorial church more than 400 women convened for the 65th Annual Meeting of the Women of the Church of Wilmington Presbytery, April 16, 17. "In His Glad Service" was the theme and the theme verse, Mark 10:45—"For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and gave his life as a ransom for many." Inspirational speakers were: Miss Janie McCutchen, Director of Spiritual Growth, Board of Women's Work, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Rufus D. Wilson, President of the Women of the Church, Synod of North Carolina; Mr. John E. Talmadge, missionary to Korea; Dr. William Crowe, Jr., and Dr. B. Frank Hall.

Three new groups have been organized: Delgado, Cherry Point, and the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk. 68 local presidents reported for 4,508 members who contributed $29,379 to benevolences, $14,954 to local churches making a grand total of $44,333. This is an increase both in membership and in gifts. We have grown spiritually with an increase in daily Bible readers, in family worship, and in those studying in some Bible class. One of our greatest achievements both spiritually and financially is the raising of $5,000.00, our share of the $50,000 Endowment Fund for the Chair of Bible at Presbyterian Junior College. With vision and faith undergirded by prayer, this the largest special project ever assumed was accepted as a two year project last April. The generous and enthusiastic response in one year indicates that women stand ready to fight Communism on the only front open to us, that of Christian ideas with the greatest of all weapons, the Word of Life. "Heaven and earth shall pass but my words shall not pass away."

Facing up to one of our short-comings and looking toward all women of the church having a spiritual ministry in their homes and being strengthened for their responsibilities as Christian women, the Presbyterial recently in session adopted the following recommendation: "That every local Women of the Church group be called to set up a regular visitation program whereby the inactive women will be experiencing Christian fellowship with active church women."

Increased knowledge of our mission program was reflected in the number of schools for both Home and World missions, reading of study books, missionary speakers, and wide use of films. The 7 District Conferences had an attendance of 674; Synodical Training School 13; Montreat Women's Training School 12; 88 young people were assisted in attending their conferences; 10 delegates were sent to the Negro Women's Conference.

Rendering special service were 596 women working in Sunday schools, 464 in Vacation Bible schools, 110 as Youth Advisors. All locals contributed to the Birthday Offering a total of $1,594.08; 57 contributed $181 and doubled the quota of supplies to White Cross. No statistics can reveal or measure the many avenues of service of Presbyterian women beyond the planned program of the church. The Korean war lay on our hearts as we prayed daily, sent vitamins, layettes, money and candy for war orphans, and sewed weekly for the missionaries. The flood victims of Holland were remembered. Thousands of pounds of good used clothing were sent through Church World Service. In the community there was splendid work with other denominations, civic groups, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, school lunches, aid for the needy, a college fund for a student, Bible school on Saturday morning for young people; for the local church, cleaning, secretarial work, flowers, nursery, refreshments, meals for the Men of the Church and Youth Fellowship, family night suppers, repairs, furnishings, and donations for building.

These achievements are reported humbly with grateful acknowledgement of God's grace. The challenge for these crucial days is "let go, and let God", so that "In His Glad Service", we may take as our pattern Him who came NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE.

The report was adopted.

Dr. B. F. Hall was granted permission to complete the report of the Committee on Christian Education. He introduced Ruling Elder Dallas Herring who reported on the work of the Men of the Church. He told that the goal is a Men's organization in every local church, and told of plans for a more complete organization on a Presbytery wide basis. Forms for information from local men's groups were distributed. Information on the Men's Conference at Montreat was given as to dates (June 19, 20, 21), registration, and program. The report was adopted.

The commission to revise the Manual of Presbytery had no report.

The commission to Install the Rev. T. O. Bird as pastor of Faison, Calypso, and Stanford gave its report:

THE INSTALLATION OF REV. TAYLOR O. BIRD

The commission appointed by the Presbytery to install Rev. Taylor O. Bird as the pastor of the Calypso, Stanford and Faison churches met in the Colypso church on Sunday, March 1, at 10:45 a.m. Members present: Ministers B. E. Dotson and L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elders H. C. Brogden, A. P. Cates and Leon Flowers. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Leon Flowers. Elder Leon Flowers was

elected clerk. The parts as prescribed by the Book of Church Order, were assigned as follows: Rev. B. E. Dotson to preside, propound the constitutional questions, and charge the pastor; Rev. L. A. Taylor to preach the sermon; Elder H. C. Brogden to charge the congregation.

The commission adjourned to the sanctuary and the assigned duties were discharged by the members of the commission. The sermon subject for the occasion was "The Church in The Home", from the scripture text: Romans 16:3-5.

Following the services of installation the commission reconvened and took recess to meet at the Stanford Church at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON FLOWERS,
Clerk of Commission

At the hour of 2:45 p.m., the commission reconvened at the Stanford church.

Members present: Ministers B. E. Dotson, M. C. MacQueen, L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elders H. C. Brogden, A. P. Cates. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Rev. M. C. MacQueen. L. A. Taylor was elected clerk. The parts, as prescribed by the Book of Church Order, were assigned as follows: Rev. M. C. MacQueen to preside, propound the constitutional questions, and deliver a charge to the pastor; Rev. B. E. Dotson to preach the sermon; Ruling Elder A. P. Cates to deliver a charge to the congregation, and Rev. L. A. Taylor to serve as clerk of the meeting.

The commission adjourned to the sanctuary where members of the commission carried out their assigned tasks. The sermon subject for the occassion was "Bearing Fruit", from the text John 15:2. The commission then reconvened and took recess to meet in the Faison church at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. TAYLOR, Clerk

At the hour of 7:15 p.m., the commission reconvened in the educational building of the Faison church.

Members present: Ministers M. C. MacQueen, B. E. Dotson, L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elders A. P. Cates, H. C. Brogden, Leon Flowers. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Rev. B. E. Dotson. Rev. B. E. Dotson was elected clerk. The parts, as prescribed by the Book of Church Order, were assigned as follows: Rev. L. A. Taylor to preside, propound the constitutional questions, and deliver a charge to the pastor; Rev. M. C. MacQueen to preach the sermon, Leon Flowers to deliver a charge to the congregation.

The commission adjourned to the sanctuary where the assigned duties were discharged by the members of the commission in accordance with the Book of Common Worship. The sermon subject for the occasion was "The Church and the Cross", from the scripture text Matt. 16:13-19.

Following the services of installation the commission reconvened, adopted the Minutes of the three services, and adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. DOTSON, Clerk

The commission to install the Rev. F. C. Hutcheson as pastor of the Brunswick church gave its report.

THE INSTALLATION OF REV. F. C. HUTCHESON

The commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to install the Rev. Fletcher C. Hutcheson as pastor of the Brunswick Presbyterian church met at the church on Sunday, February 1, 1953 at 7:15 p.m. The Rev. L. A. Taylor was chairman of the commission and the Rev. D. A. Bowles appointed clerk. Mr. Taylor opened the meeting with prayer. Present were: Ministers—L. A. Taylor, D. A. Bowles and M. C. MacQueen. Ruling Elders—J. R. Marks and W. O. Jackson. The commission was organized and adjourned to the sanctuary of the church and engaged with the congregation in a service of worship.

The Rev. L. A. Taylor presided. The invocation was led by J. R. Marks. M. C. MacQueen preached the sermon on the subject "The Church and the Cross" with the text being Matthew 16:23-28. The constitutional questions to the pastor and congregation were propounded by Mr. Taylor. These being answered in the affirmative, the Rev. Mr. Hutcheson was declared installed as pastor of the Brunswick Presbyterian church, agreeably to the Word of God and the Book of Church Order. A charge to the pastor was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Taylor and to the congregation by the Rev. D. A. Bowles.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly installed pastor, after which the members of the congregation gave him the right hand of fellowship.

The commission reconvened, the Minutes were read and approved, and the commission adjourned with prayer by Ruling Elder W. O. Jackson.

D. A. BOWLES, Clerk

The commission on the Minister and His Work reported through its chairman, Rev. B. E. Dotson.

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Presbytery Meeting, April 21, 1953

The commission has taken the following actions:

Dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wade Allison and the Teachey church, and approved the relationship of Temporary Supply, also approved the altering of the calls of Oak Plains and Mt. Zion churches to Mr. Allison.

Dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James Nisbet and the Willard church, and approved the altering of the calls of Pott's Memorial and Rockfish churches to Mr. Nisbet.

Dissolved the relation of the Rev. Wiley Hogue and First Church of Wilmington that he may accept calls to churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Dissolved the relation of the Rev. Robert Lee Turner and Rocky Point, Pike, and Currie churches that he may accept work in Concord Presbytery.

Approved the calls of Oak Grove and Little Chapel on the Boardwalk churches to the Rev. Jerry C. McCann.

Approved the transfer of candidate Scott Pharr, Jr., to Albemarle Presbytery where he plans to accept work.

Make recommendations to churches without a minister.

Respectfully,

B. E. DOTSON, Chairman

The Presbytery voted to receive the report for the Minutes, and to place the calls from the Oak Grove Presbyterian church, and the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk in the hands of Rev. J. C. McCann.

The Presbytery resolved itself into a committee to examine session records under the direction of Rev. P. L. Clark. Presbytery came to order as a Presbytery again at 3:30 p.m.

Rev. J. W. Miller read the memorial to Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff:

MEMORIAL TO REV. J. E. L. WINECOFF

Rev. John Eugene Winecoff, of Florence, S. C., honorably retired member of Wilmington Presbytery, died in Florence on February 15, 1953 after a brief illness. He was born in Cabarrus County, N. C., May 2, 1863. Mr. Winecoff studied in Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Virginia, and was ordained in 1891 by Potosi Presbytery. Before his retirement from active service in 1932, he had served a number of churches in Missouri, North Carolina, and as a home mission worker in North Carolina. In the latter area he organized several new churches in Wilmington Presbytery. He was also for six years president of the James Sprunt Institute at that time located in Kenansville, N. C. He was the author of several books, including "The Catholic Religion and the Protestant Faith" (1947) and "False Churches and How They got That Way" (1949). Funeral services were held in the First Church, Florence, with Rev. James E. Cousar, Jr., officiating and assisted by Dr. Neill G. Stevens, and Rev. Walter H. Goodman. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Meta Hodges Winecoff, of Florence; one daughter, Mrs. A. J. Sampson, of Washington, D. C.; one son, Walter P. Winecoff, of Greenburg, Pa.; one brother, Warren Winecoff, of Kannapolis, N. C.: one granddaughter; and four great-grandsons. In his passing, a good husband and father, a kind friend and a faithful servant of God has gone to his reward.

The memorial was adopted to be put in the Minutes.

Rev. W. P. Convers was granted permission to report on the Cherry Point-Havelock work. He gave figures as to the growth of the population and the rapid growth of the chapel there. (95 in Sunday school and 65 in church on April 19th). He presented Mr. Tom Lyle, elder-elect of the proposed Havelock church, to the Presbytery, and Mr. Lyle presented a petition for organization:

PETITION

We, the undersigned, residents of Havelock, N. C., and its environs, hereby respectfully petition the Presbytery of Wilmington, in session at the Hallsville church, April 21, 1953, to organize a Presbyterian church in our midst.

We pledge to such a church our Loyalty, our Membership, and our Support.

Name	Address
M. L. McClimon	6 Holly Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. James Payette	36 Powell Circle, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Erie L. Warren	104 Fleetwood, Havelock, N. C.
M. S. Edmundson	2 South Pinetree Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. M. S. Edmundson	2 South Pinetree Drive, Havelock, N. C.
D. E. Gillespie	16 Powell Circle, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. D. E. Gillespie	16 Powell Circle, Havelock, N. C.
Albert L. Tate	8 Cunningham Place, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Albert L. Tate	8 Cunningham Place, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. C. B. Hart	111 Vine St., Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. J. R. Hardison	109 Riverview St., Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. T. H. Phillips	6-D Sealevel Drive, Havelock, N. C.
T. H. Phillips	6-D Sealevel Drive, Havelock, N. C.
J. R. Hardison	109 Pineview St., Havelock, N. C.
Allen Olmstead	27 N. Pinetree St., Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Allen Olmstead	27 N. Pinetree St., Havelock, N. C.
C. B. Hart, Jr.	111 Vine St., Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Pearl Hayes	13 Hayes Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Miss Betty N. Lentz	4-A Sealevel Drive, Havelock, N. C.
R. Sidney Lentz	4-A Sealevel Drive, Havelock, N. C.
John F. Lentz	4-A Sealevel Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. John F. Lentz	4-A Sealevel Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Norman Mills	39 Manteo St., Havelock, N. C.
Norman Mills	39 Manteo St., Havelock, N. C.
Addie K. Jenkins	104 Bryan St., Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. M. L. McClimon	6 Holly Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Ann W. McClimon	6 Holly Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. S. C. Baker	Ketner Heights, Havelock, N. C.
S. C. Baker	Ketner Heights, Havelock, N. C.
C. C. McLellan	3 Jackson Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. C. C. McLellan	3 Jackson Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Inez F. Temple	13 Hayes Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. C. L. Champion, Jr.	7 Cunningham Place, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Alfred W. King	19 E. Maret Ave., Havelock, N. C.
Alfred W. King	19 E. Maret Ave., Havelock, N. C.
Kenneth J. Todd	4 Holly Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Kenneth J. Todd	4 Holly Drive, Havelock, N. C.
C. L. Champion	7 Cunningham St., Havelock, N. C.
Thomas A. Lyle	31 Rodanthe Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Joe Williams, Jr.	60 Fike Drive, Havelock, N. C.
R. B. McGregor	16 Bogue Court, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Russell B. McGregor	16 Bogue Court, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. G. E. Wasson	105 Charles St., Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. G. Muller	106 Vine St., Havelock, N. C.
G. E. Wasson	105 Charles St., Havelock, N. C.

Mrs. K. V. Wainwright	P. O. Box 9, Havelock, N. C.
John A. Wise	2-E Rodanthe Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Richard S. Robinson	25 Holly Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Richard S. Robinson	25 Holly Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Tom A. Lyle	3-I Rodanthe Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Ruth A. Wise	2-E Rodanthe Drive, Havelock, N. C.
William A. Dillon	6-J Cohogne Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. William A. Dillon	6-J Cohogne Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Joe W. Williams, Jr.	60 Fike Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. T. C. Crawford	12 Poplar Drive, Havelock, N. C.
Thomas C. Crawford	12 Poplar Drive, Havelock, N. C.
John F. Jordan	29 Kimes St., Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. John F. Jordan	29 Kimes St., Havelock, N. C.
Mrs. Erie L. Warren	104 Fleetwood, Havelock, N. C.

The petition was granted and the following commission was appointed to organize the church:

The Revs. L. A. Taylor, M. C. MacQueen, W. P. Conyers, W. B. Hood, B. F. Hall, and Ruling Elders J. W. Kellogg, H. L. Joslyn, J. F. Murdock, and D. Cordova. The date was left up to the commission.

The Committee on Audits recommended that the books of the Treasurer be audited by a certified public accountant, and let his report be presented at the July meeting as the final report. This recommendation was adopted.

Rev. W. P. Conyers addressed the Presbytery about borrowing money from the Synod Loan Fund. He moved that the Presbytery approve an application from the Webb Memorial Presbyterian church to the Synod Loan Fund for a sum up to $3,000.00 for building purposes. The motion was passed by the Presbytery.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave the following report:

I. Changes in the Book of Church Order were presented by Rev. N. P. Farrior.

AN OVERTURE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas there is a confusion of terminology in our Book of Church Order in the use of the word "Office" to denote both a classification in the ministry and a field of service, and whereas, even in Chapter XX which deals with "CHURCH ORDERS", the word "Order" is not used to indicate a classification in the ministry, the Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully overtures the General Assembly to amend the Book of Church Order as follows:

A. To paragraph 30 add the words, "The ministry in the Presbyterian church consists of three Orders: the Teaching Eldership, the Ruling Eldership, and the Diaconate. Men are ordained to an Order in the ministry: and are elected to, or installed in, an Office. The Order is perpetual: the Office is for such length of time as may be

determined by the interested parties and the rules of the church. The Order is subjective, and denotes classification; the Office is objective, and denotes field of service.

B. In paragraph 31, line 3, delete the words, "and perpetual". And at the end of paragraph 31, add: "These offices are to be filled by men ordained to the orders corresponding respectively to them."

C. Wherever in other paragraphs of the Book of Church Order the word "Office" now denotes classification, substitute the word "Order", specifically in par. 102, lines 6 and 9; par. 113, line 6; par. 138, line 2; par. 153(6), line 19; par. 154, line 1; and par. 156, line 14.

Respectfully submitted,
D. A. BOWLES, Chairman

The report was adopted.

II. Rev. D. A. Bowles presented the overture from the Grove church relative to its being the first sight of Presbyterianism in North Carolina and recommended its adoption.

III. The overture by Rev. M. C. MacQueen concerning campaigns was presented with the recommendation that it be adopted. The Presbytery of Wilmington, concerned by the growing trend to replace the Biblical doctrine of stewardship with emotional appeals and pressure campaigns in our church respectfully overtures the General Assembly that it undertake on faith the substitution of a sound system of stewardship education, with emphasis on total commitment of life and possesions for the present practice of special offerings and promotional campaigns.

The overture was approved to be sent to the General Assembly.

IV. The same overture as above was adopted to be sent to the Synod of North Carolina.

The Committee on Sessional Records presented its report which was adopted.

The Committee on Sessional Records begs leave to report that the sessional records have been examined and approved with the exceptions written in the session books. P. L. CLARK, Chairman

A commission consisting of the Revs. E. D. Witherspoon, F. C. Hutcheson, S. N. Thomas, L. A. Taylor, and Ruling Elders Fred Little, Sr., and W. M. Dickson, was appointed to install the Rev. J. C. McCann as pastor of the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk and the Oak Grove church on the night of May 3 at the Oak Grove church.

The report of the Resolutions of Thanks committee given by Rev. J. A. Nisbet was received and adopted:

I. That we express our appreciation to the retiring moderator, the Rev. D. A. Bowles, for his excellent message this morning.

II. Also, that we sincerely thank the pastor and the members, especially the Women of the Church and community for the gracious entertainment and fine food today.

III. That we express our continuing gratitude to the Women of Wilmington Presbyterial, and their president, Mrs. John Farrior.

The report of the Place and Time of Next Meeting by Rev. M. G. Stimpson was received. The Presbytery accepted the invitation to meet at the Myrtle Grove church. The Presbytery agreed to set aside the standing rules so that the Presbytery could meet the second Tuesday in July, July 14th instead of July 21st, so that there would be no conflict with the Pioneer Camp.

The report of the Leave of Absence committee by Rev. W. B. Hood was received and adopted. The standing committee on Leave of Absence reported as follows: The following to be excused at the hours designated:

Rev. Neil G. Stevens and Ruling Elder P. H. Meyers at 2 p.m.

Rev. A. K. Dudley, Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. H. J. Kaylor, Rev. C. C. Myers, and Ruling Elder G. G. Murray at 3 p.m.

Ruling Elder L. H. Williams at 2 p.m.

Rev. J. D. Withrow and Ruling Elder Mac Jones at 3:30 p.m.

The following are excused from attending Presbytery: Rev. Samuel M. Houck and Dr. P. H. Gwynn.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. HOOD, Chairman

A request from the churches of Bethany and McClure Memorial to amend the terms of the call to the pastor, Rev. Samuel M. Houck, so that the financial portion of the call will read "And we promise and oblige ourselves to pay the sum of $1,800 annually in regular monthly installments" was granted. This change to be made in the call of each church concerned.

Dr. Frank A. Haasis was nominated by acclamation to serve as moderator of the July meeting of Presbytery.

The roll was called with 27 ministers and 50 ruling elders responding.

The Minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Myrtle Grove Presbyterian church near Wilmington, on Tuesday, July 14th, 1953, at 10:00 a.m.

The benediction was offered by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

JERRY C. McCANN,
Permanent Clerk, Pro Tem.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1952 - '53

	1953	1952
Communicants	11,786	11,382
Elders	478	456
Deacons	540	514
Enrollment of Sunday Schools	10,386	9,748
Added on Profession of Faith	510	356
Added on Certificate	744	515
Infant Baptisms	232	161
Adult Baptisms	325	252
Contributions:		
To Benevolences	$132,163	$135,022
To Current Expenses	187,341	167,225
To Buildings	193,682	142,080
To Pastors' Salaries (paid direct)	110,352	121,812
Totals	$623,538	$566,139
Per Capita Giving:		
Benevolences	$ 11.21	$ 11.86
Total	$ 52.91	$ 49.77
Number of Ordained Ministers	44	45
Number of Lay Pastors	1	1
Number Candidates for the Ministry	11	9
Number of Ordinations	4	3
Number of Installations	7	16
Number of Dissolutions	5	5
Number of Churches	78	76
Number of Sunday Schools	83	82
Number Women of the Church Organizations	68	65
Number Men of the Church Organizations	20	20
Number Older Young People's Organizations	7	7
Number Senior Young People's Organizations	25	23
Number Pioneer Young People's Organizations	18	16

DIRECTORY

Moderator: January Meeting, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr.; April Meeting, Rev. J. W. Ware.

Stated Clerk, Executive Secretary, Central Treasurer of Benevolences —Rev. L. A. Taylor.

Permanent Clerk—Rev. S. M. Houck.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Exit 1955

Joshua S. James, James H. Clark, Walter P. Sprunt.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Rev. E. D. Witherspoon (Exit 1955) Rev. M. C. MacQueen (Exit 1956)

TRUSTEES OF FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

Exit 1954

Rev. William Crowe, Jr., James H. Clarke, Mrs. G. O. Rogers, Rev. L. A. Taylor.

Exit 1955

Rev. D. A. Bowles, E. L. Derrick, D. M. Calhoun, Dallas Herring.

Exit 1956

Rev. B. E. Dotson, J. A. Love, Dr. W. C. Mebane, Rev. J. W. Miller.

TRUSTEES OF PEACE COLLEGE

Rev. W. B. Hood (Exit 1955) Rev. William Crowe, Jr. (Exit 1956)

THE PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Chairman

Church Extension—Rev. M. C. MacQueen.
Annuities and Relief—Rev. W. H. Allison.
Christian Education—Rev. B. Frank Hall.
World Missions—Rev. D. A. Bowles.
Women of the Church—Mrs. John Farrior, Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt.
Youth Council—Sallie Ann Monroe.
Ruling Elders—James H. Clarke, W. M. Boice.
Deacons—Hugh S. Johnson, W. E. Perdew.

COMMITTEES

World Missions—Ministers: D. A. Bowles, S. N. Thomas, Ruling Elders H. M. Corbett, G. E. Fisler.

Church Extension—Ministers: M. C. MacQueen, D. A. Bowles, B. E. Dotson, W. L. Foley, E. D. Witherspoon, R. L. McBath, N. P. Farrior, A. K. Dudley; Ruling Elders: A. E. Gibson, Gordan Prevatte, Melvin Cording, J. B. Huntington, Mrs. B. Frank Hall, representing Women of the Church.

1—**Division of Home Missions**—Ministers: M. C. MacQueen, William Crowe, Jr., R. L. McBath, E. D. Witherspoon, W. B. Hood, W. P. Conyers; Ruling Elders: Melvin Cording, A. E. Gibson, Dr. Wilbert Jackson, F. E. Little, Mrs. B. Frank Hall, representing Women of the Church.

2—**Division of Evangelism**—Ministers: B. E. Dotson, W. L. Foley, A. K. Dudley, W. P. Conyers; Ruling Elders: W. C. Mebane, Gordan Prevatte, L. B. Huie, C. S. Clark.

3—**Division of Negro Work**—Ministers: L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elder Gordan Prevatte.

4—**Division of Radio**—Ministers: William Crowe, Jr., W. B. Hood; Ruling Elders: A. E. Gibson (Chairman), J. W. Kellog.

5—**Division of Christian Relations**—Ministers: N. P. Farrior, B. E. Dotson, W. P. Conyers; Ruling Elders: Melvin Cording, Gordan Prevatte.

6—**Division of Defense Service**—Ministers: D. A. Bowles, W. B. Hood; Ruling Elder W. T. McLean.

Christian Education—Ministers: B. Frank Hall, D. A. Bowles, W. P. Conyers, M. G. Stimson, Jack W. Ware, W. B. Hood, W. H. Allison, R. L. McBath, S. M. Houck, B. E. Dotson, J. A. Nisbet; Ruling Elders: M. V. Orr, A. R. Urquhart, Mosely Davis, Dallas Herring. Directors of Religious Education in the local churches members ex-officio. Mrs. D. D. Clark, representing Women of the Church.

Annuities and Relief—Ministers: W. H. Allison, W. B. Hood, J. M. Waggett, L. C. Tucker; Ruling Elders: E. D. Wells, D. M. Calhoun.

Homes—Ministers: M. J. McChesney, C. C. Myers, J. D. Withrow; Ruling Elders: J. B. Stroud, H. McNair Johnson, Mrs. P. R. Smith, representing Women of the Church.

Session Records—Ministers: P. L. Clark, W. F. F. Little, T. B. Ruff; Ruling Elders: H. M. Wells, Leon Flowers.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: J. M. Waggett, F. T. Read; Ruling Elders: Frank Haasis, H. E. Latham.

Special Causes—Ministers: W. H. Goodman, Jr., D. A. Bowles, J. W. Ware; Ruling Elders: Dr. W. C. Mebane, R. P. Bender.

Women of the Church—Ministers: W. P. Conyers, E. D. Witherspoon, L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elder J. R. Maxwell. Women of the Church, Mrs. John Farrior.

History of the Presbytery—Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington.

Audits—Frank S. Wilson, J. A. Love, P. H. Myers.

Divorce and Re-Marriage—E. D. Witherspoon, Chairman.
Area 1—J. W. Miller, R. L. McBath, D. A. Bowles.
Area 2—B. Frank Hall, A. K. Dudley, William Crowe, Jr.
Area 3—N. P. Farrior, W. H. Goodman, W. F. F. Little
Area 4—P. L. Clark, W. B. Hood, W. H. Allison.

Nominations—Ministers: N. P. Farrior, L. C. Tucker, J. D. Withrow; Ruling Elders: L. B. Huie, Luther Powell.

Examinations—B. Frank Hall, Chairman.
Experimental Religion—J. A. Nisbet, J. W. Miller.
Academic Studies—B. E. Dotson, J. M. Waggett.
Theology—B. Frank Hall, P. H. Gwynn.
Sacraments and Church Government—W. L. Foley, Robert L. Turner, S. W. Hogue.
English Bible—J. W. Ware, W. H. Goodman.

Commission on Minister and His Work—Exit fall 1953: Rev. B. E. Dotson, Mr. George Mitchell; Exit fall 1954: Rev. R. L. McBath, W. M. Boice; Exit fall 1955: Rev. M. G. Stimpson, Rev. N. P. Farrior.

Unless otherwise designated the first named member of the committee is chairman. Unless otherwise designated, all terms expire at the January meeting of Presbytery, 1954.

NAME OF CHURCH	CLERK OF SESSION	GEN. TREAS.	BEN. TREAS.
Acme	J. D. Daily Acme, N. C.	D. L. McNair Delco, N. C.	Same
Antioch	J. W. Burton Jacksonville, N. C.	J. W. Burton Jacksonville, N. C.	Same
Ashwood	C. L. Braddy Rt. 2, Council, N. C.	E. W. Miller Rt. 1, Council, N. C.	Same
Baker	A. P. Cox Rt. 4, Mt. Olive, N. C.	Mrs. Chas. Cox Rt. 4, Mt. Olive, N. C.	Same
Bethany	H. B. Rivenbark Rt. 1, Box 65 Wilmington, N. C.	G. G. Thomas 3705 Stratford Ave. Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Beth Car	A. H. Singletary Tar Heel, N. C.	C. O. McNair, Jr. Tar Heel, N. C.	Same
Bethel	Graham Reece Chinquapin, N. C.	Mrs. Graham Reece Chinquapin, N. C.	Same
Beulaville	R. V. Cupp Beulaville, N. C.	Aubrey Johnston Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Black River	G. E. Fisler Ivanhoe, N. C.	William Corbett Ivanhoe, N. C.	Same
Bladenboro	J. F. Davis Bladenboro, N. C.	Mrs. E. L. Edwards Bladenboro, N. C.	Same
Bowden	Herman Taylor Rt. 3, Faison, N. C.	Mrs. J. H. Moore Bowden, N. C.	Same
Brunswick	R. A. Powell Brunswick, N. C.	A. B. Powell Brunswick, N. C.	Same
Burgaw	T. T. Murphy Burgaw, N. C.	John Carraway Burgaw, N. C.	Same
Calypso	Leon Flowers Calypso, N. C.	S. D. Davis Calypso, N. C.	Same
Cape Fear	S. G. Withers 131 Morgan St. Wilmington, N. C.	C. W. Garrett 106 Newton Lane Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Carolina Beach	C. F. Cameron Box 765 Carolina Beach, N. C.	C. T. Strickland Box 618A Carolina Beach, N. C.	Same
Caswell	D. G. Shaw Atkinson, N. C.	George Highsmith, Jr. Atkinston, N. C.	Same
Chadbourn	J. M. Jackson Chadbourn, N. C.	M. J. Hudgens Chadbourn, N. C.	Same
Chapel on Boardwalk	J. F. Applewhite Box 185 Wilmington, N. C.	M. J. Hudgens Rt. 3, Box 318 Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Chinquapin	Geo. F. Landen Chinquapin, N. C.	Joseph Williams Rt. 1, Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Clarkton	C. S. Clark Clarkton, N. C.	I. A. Singletary Clarkton, N. C.	John D. Ward Clarkton, N. C.
Croatan	E. C. Hayes Rt. 4, New Bern, N. C.	Miss Leona Tolson Rt. 4, New Bern, N. C.	Same
Currie	H. C. Walker Currie, N. C.	L. W. Rooks Currie, N. C.	Same
Delgado	W. C. Scoggins 1909 Castle St. Wilmington, N. C.	R. V. Hardison, Jr. 1414 Castle St. Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Elizabethtown	D. M. Calhoun Elizabethtown, N. C.	Glenn Parker Elizabethtown, N. C.	Same
Elkton	W. J. Elkins Rt. 2, Clarkton, N. C.	Mrs. W. J. Elkins Rt. 2, Clarkton, N. C.	Same
Faison	A. P. Cates Faison, N. C.	M. C. Bowden Faison, N. C.	Same

NAME OF CHURCH	CLERK OF SESSION	GEN. TREAS.	BEN. TREAS.
Graves Memorial	F. B. Johnson Clinton, N. C.	J. R. Hubbard Clinton, N. C.	Same
Grove	R. V. Wells Kenansville, N. C.	R. D. Merrit RFD Warsaw, N. C.	Same
Hallsville	Andrew Miller Beulaville, N. C.	Leonard Kennedy Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Harmony	R. E. Pendergras Tomahawk, N. C.	D. G. Shaw Kerr, N. C.	Same
Harper-Southerland	Nick Smith Albertson, N. C.	Nick Smith Albertson, N. C.	Same
Hebron	W. G. Smith Albertson, N. C.	W. G. Smith Albertson, N. C.	Same
Holly Grove	Romie Williamson Rt. 2, Clinton, N. C.	Ervine Ross Rt. 2, Clinton, N. C.	Same
Hopewell	Joseph S. Newkirk Burgaw, N. C.	Herbert Bannerman Burgaw, N. C.	Same
Immanuel	H. T. Wilson 1414 S. Fourth St. Wilmington, N. C.	M. J. Broughton Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Jacksonville	Raymond Marshall Jacksonville, N. C.	J. A. Lee Box 66, Jacksonville, N. C.	Same
Lake Waccamaw	John Council Wananish, N. C.	I. B. Sloan Lake Waccamaw, N. C.	Same
Maple Hill	Sidney Lanier Maple Hill, N. C.	Fred W. Harrell Maple Hill, N. C.	Same
McClure Memorial	E. J. Scott Rocky Point, N. C.	P. H. Braak Castle Hayne, N. C.	Same
Mt. Horeb	Homer Monroe Council, N. C.	James Monroe Council, N. C.	Same
Mt. Olive	D. B. Gillis Mt. Olive, N. C.	C. E. Thompson Mt. Olive, N. C.	Same
Mt. Williams	R. A. Thigpen Burgaw, N. C.	R. F. Humphrey Burgaw, N. C.	Same
Mt. Zion	M. L. Carr Rose Hill, N. C.	Horace Fussell Rose Hill, N. C.	Same
Myrtle Grove	T. C. Gerganus Rt. 2, Box 142 Wilmington, N. C.	A. P. Faulkner Rt. 3, Box 383A Wilmington, N. C.	Same
New Hope	D. R. Johnson Winnabow, N. C.	Mrs. J. L. Henry Winnabow, N. C.	Same
Oakdale	Roland Robeson White Oaks, N. C.	C. M. Davis White Oaks, N. C.	Same
Oak Grove	Ralph Ellis Rt. 2, Box 505AA Wilmington, N. C.	T. W. Fogleman Rt. 2, Box 476 Wilmington, N. C.	
Oak Plains	W. H. Hall Rose Hill, N. C.	Robert Ward Rose Hill, N. C.	Same
Page's Mill	Jesse Batten RFD Chadbourn, N. C.	Dock Williams RFD, Chadbourn, N. C.	Same
Pearsall Memorial	J. M. Taylor 2902 Princess Pl. Rd. Wilmington, N. C.	Melzar Pearsall, Jr. 3814 Market St. Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Pike	J. Wiley Batson RFD Burgaw, N. C.	G. K. Hewett RFD, Rocky Point, N. C.	Same
Pink Hill	Dr. H. A. Edwards Pink Hill, N. C.	Levi Everette Pink Hill, N. C.	Same
Pleasant View	Durham Grady Albertson, N. C.	Lawrence Mewborn Albertson, N. C.	Same

NAME OF CHURCH	CLERK OF SESSION	GEN. TREAS.	BEN. TREAS.
Pollocksville	R. P. Bender Pollocksville, N. C.	F. T. Bender Pollocksville, N. C.	Same
Potts Memorial	J. C. Southerland Willard, N. C.	W. T. Sutton Willard, N. C.	Same
Rockfish	Julian Carr Wallace, N. C.	Mrs. Nell Farlow Teachey, N. C.	Same
Rocky Point	A. N. Rhodes Rocky Point, N. C.	E. F. Langston Rocky Point, N. C.	Same
St. Andrews-Covenant	W. P. Sprunt Box 960, Wilmington, N. C.	D. H. Craig Wilmington, N. C.	J. L. Fulbright Wilmington, N. C.
Smith	R. W. Wallace Pink Hill, N. C.	Troy Smith Pink Hill, N. C.	Same
Southport	Price Furpless Southport, N. C.	Thos. Garner Southport, N. C.	Same
South River	Ben J. Cromartie Garland, N. C.	Ben J. Cromartie Garland, N. C.	Same
Stafford Memorial	J. J. Stafford Garland, N. C.	W. E. Stafford Garland, N. C.	Same
Stanford	Robt. Outlaw Mt. Olive, N. C.	Ned Roberts Mt. Olive, N. C.	Same
Tabor City	W. O. Jackson Tabor City, N. C.	James Hufham Tabor City, N. C.	Same
Teachey	Hugh Wells Teachey, N. C.	Benjamin Brinkley Teachey, N. C.	Same
Topsail	H. D. Howard Hampstead, N. C.	John Ward Rt. 1, Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Wallace	J. N. Wells Wallace. N. C.	Edward Johnson Wallace, N. C.	Same
Warsaw	Dr. J. M. Williams Warsaw, N. C.	B. C. Sheffield, Jr. Warsaw, N. C.	Same
Webb Memorial	D. Cardova 2507 Arendell St. Morehead City, N. C.	T. C. Hyman Morehead City, N. C.	Same
Westminster	H. M. Leaman Whiteville, N. C.	H. M. Dickens Whiteville, N. C.	Same
White Plains	E. N. Clark Rt. 2, Council, N. C.	Rowena Buie Box 174, Clarkton, N. C.	Same
Whiteville, First	J. Rufus Marks Whiteville, N. C.	John E. Thompson Whiteville, N. C.	Same
Wildwood	Jas. G. Murdock Wildwood, N. C.	Roy T. Dickinson Wildwood, N. C.	Same
Willard	H. M. Johnson Willard, N. C.	Mrs. R. W. Powers Willard, N. C.	Same
Wilmington, First	W. M. Dickson 415 South Front St. Wilmington, N. C.	Dan Dove 609 Orange St. Wilmington, N. C.	W. L. Hartzog 514 S. Second St. Wilmington, N. C.
Winter Park	Miles Clemmer 4815 Wrightsville Ave. Wilmington, N. C.	Malcolm Yco Rt. 2, Box 110 Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Woodburn	W. E. Wessell Leland, N. C.	Mrs. Doris Wessell Leland, N. C.	Same

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

Church	Superintendent	Address of Superintendent
Acme	Sam Hall	Acme, N. C.
Antioch	Mrs. R. F. Barber	Rt. 1, Jacksonville, N. C.
Ashwood	No Report	
Baker	Mrs. A. P. Cox	Rt. 4, Mount Olive, N. C.
Bethany	D. R. Murray	331 Castle Hayne Road, Wilmington, N. C.
Beth Car	A. H. Singletary	Tar Heel, N. C.
Bethel	No Report	
Beulaville	Carl D. Pate	Beulaville, N. C.
Black River	Harry M. Hamilton	Ivanhoe, N. C.
Bladenboro	Mrs. E. L. Edwards	Badenboro, N. C.
Bowden	No Report	
Brunswick	Not Appointed	
Burgaw	James F. Bradshaw, Jr.	Burgaw, N. C.
Calypso	Paul Grice	Calypso, N. C.
Cape Fear	S. G. Withers	131 Morgan St., Wilmington, N. C.
Carolina Beach	Homer Lingle	Box 65, Carolina Beach, N. C.
Caswell	John Murphy	Atkinson, N. C.
Chadbourn	H. G. McQueen	Box 302, Chadbourn, N. C
Chapel on the Boardwalk	C. E. Dixon	P. O. Box 224, Wilmington, N. C
Chinquapin	J. F. Futreal	Chinquapin, N. C
Clarkton	Luther C. Clark	Clarkton, N. C
Croatan	Philip Williams	Rt. 4, New Bern, N. C.
Currie	Marvin Richards	Currie, N. C.
Delgado	W. C. Scoggins	1909 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.
Elizabethtown	R. L. Hamilton, Jr.	Elizabethtown, N. C.
Elkton Presbyterian	Hobson McCulloch	Clarkton, N. C.
Faison	William Kalmar	Faison, N. C.
First Presbyterian	J. B. Lee, Jr.	W. Frink St., Whiteville, N. C.
First Presbyterian	J. W. Hoge	707 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.
Graves Memorial	Dr. Wilbert Jackson	411 College St., Clinton, N. C.
Grove	No Report	
Hallsville	Durwood Evans	Rt. 1, Beulaville, N. C.
Harmony	A. H. Scronce	Tomahawk, N. C.
Harper-Southerland	Bruce Southerland	Albertson, N. C.
Hebron	No Sunday School	
Holly Grove	Joseph Hudson	RFD No. 2, Clinton, N. C.
Hopewell	J. S. Newkirk	RFD Watha, N. C.
Immanuel	N. J. Owens	7 E. Tennessee Ave., Wilmington, N. C.
Jacksonville	F. S. Wilson	114 Jean Circle, Jacksonville, N. C.
Lake Waccamaw	No Report	
Maple Hill	No Report	
McClure Memorial	A. F. Wells	Castle Hayne, N. C.
Mt. Horeb	Clark Allen	Rt. 2. Council, N. C.
Mt. Olive	W. A. Patterson	Mt. Olive, N. C.

Mt. Williams—No Sunday School
Mt. Zion—Gerald Carr.....Rose Hill, N. C.
Myrtle Grove—T. C. Gurganus.....Box 142, Rt. 2, Wilmington, N. C.
New Hope—Dan Johnson.....Winnabow, N. C.
Oakdale—John Bennett Jones.....White Oak, N. C.
Oak Grove—J. D. Colvin.....Rt. 3, Box 11A, Wilmington, N. C.
Oak Plain—James O. Kilpatrick.....RFD, Magnolia, N. C.
Page's Mill—Miss Lucy Tipton.....Chadbourn, N. C.
Pearsall Memorial—E. Dan James..3825 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.
Pike—Ivey Player.....Rocky Point, N. C.
Pink Hill—T. J. Turner.....Pink Hill, N. C.
Pleasant View—Robert Grady.....Albertson, N. C.
Pollocksville—Fred Roper.....Pollocksville, N. C.
Potts—R. L. Hedgpeth.....Willard, N. C.
Rockfish—Manley W. Turner.....Teachey, N. C.
Rocky Point—E. F. Langston.....Rocky Point, N. C.
St. Andrews-Covenant—Alex Urquhart.....Wilmington, N. C.
Smiths—Ray Franklin Smith.....Pink Hill, N. C.
Southport—No Report
South River—No Report
Stafford Memorial—Henry Beatty.....Tomahawk, N. C.
Stanford—Jack Smith.....Rt. 2, Mount Olive, N. C.
Tabor City—James Hufham.....Tabor City, N. C.
Teachey—E. J. Wells.....Teachey, N. C.
Topsail—Harold Howard.....Hampstead, N. C.
Wallace—George O. Powell.....Wallace, N. C.
Warsaw—James H. Hines.....Warsaw, N. C.
Webb Memorial—Paul Cordova.....Noyes Ave., Morehead, N. C.
Westminster—Eugene F. Davis.....Whiteville, N. C.
White Plains—Ed Dennis.....Clarkton, N. C
Wildwood—James G. Murdock.....Wildwood, N. C.
Willard—James E. Rivenbark.....Willard, N. C.
Winter Park—D. T. Shelton..2913 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington, N. C.
Woodburn—G. R. Ennis, Jr.....Leland, N. C.

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PRESBYTERY'S STATISTICAL REPORT TO

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE	CHURCHES	Officers		Communicants			Baptisms		Sunday School Enrollment	Number of Outposts or Chapels
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Profession	Added on Certificate	Communicants	Adult	Infant		
Wade H. Allison, P.	Rose Hill, N. C.	Mt. Zion*†	10	13	4	8	233	2	2	175	0
Wade H. Allison, P.	Teachey, N. C.	Teachey†	6	5	2	1	103	2	0	102	0
Wade H. Allison, P.	Rose Hill, R.F.D.	Oak Plains	7	4	0	1	57	0	3	40	0
Taylor O. Byrd, P.	Faison, N. C.	Faison*	6	8	3	3	192	2	0	145	0
Taylor O. Byrd, P.	Calypso, N. C.	Calypso†	7	8		1	121	0	0	119	0
Taylor O. Byrd, P.	Mt. Olive, R.F.D.	Stanford	5	6	11	4	110	11	0	168	0
David A. Bowles, P.	Whiteville, N. C.	First*†	10	15	5	6	239	5	3	161	0
E. B. Carr, H.R.	Wallace, N. C.										
P. L. Clark, H.R.	Burgaw, N. C.										
P. L. Clark, S.S.	Burgaw, R.F.D.	Mt. Williams	1	3	0	0	31	0	0	0	0
P. L. Clark, S.S.	Maple Hill, N. C.	Maple Hill	3	2	0	0	25	0	0	25	0
W. Priestley Conyers III, P.	Morehead City, N. C.	Webb Memorial*†	5	7	7	59	171	4	6	186	1
W. Priestley Conyers III, P.	Wildwood, N. C.	Wildwood†	5	7		2	75	0	0	122	0
Wm. Crowe, Jr., P.§	Wilmington, N. C.	First*†	22	23	28	33	1,030	11	32	478	0
J. S. Crowley, H.R.	Wilmington, N. C.										
B. E. Dotson, P.	Mt. Olive, N. C.	Mt. Olive*†	10	14	14	10	317	8	4	245	0
B. E. Dotson, P.	Mt. Olive, R.F.D.	Baker	4	2	4	2	58	4	5	110	0
Alfred K. Dudley, P.	Wilmington, N. C.	Winter Park*†	8	8	19	33	326	11	9	286	0
John L. Fairley, Sec.	Richmond, Va.										
N. P. Farrior, P.	Pink Hill, N. C.	Pink Hill*	5	6	2	8	84	1	0	133	0
N. P. Farrior, P.	Pink Hill, R.F.D.	Smith	4	7	8	2	77	8	1	80	0
N. P. Farrior, P.	Albertson, N. C.	Pleasant View	3	3	7	0	66	7	0	68	0
N. P. Farrior, P.	Albertson, N. C.	Harper-Southerland	2	3	8	2	50	8	1	64	0
N. P. Farrior, P.	Pink Hill, R.F.D.	Hebron	2	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0
W. L. Foley, P.	Whiteville, N. C.	Westminister*†	10	12	10	20	245	6	8	240	0
Walter H. Goodman, Jr., P.	Beulaville, N. C.	Beulaville†	4	5	3	4	98	3	2	118	0
Walter H. Goodman, Jr., S.S.	Jacksonville, R.F.D.	Antioch	3	2	6	5	38	6	0	72	0
Price H. Gwynn, Dean	Red Springs, N. C.										
B. Frank Hall	Wrightsville Beach, N. C.										
B. Frank Hall, P.	Wilmington, N. C.	Pearsall Memorial*†	12	12	20	22	280	11	11	209	0
J. T. Hayter, P.	Kenansville, N. C.	Grove*	5	7	5	3	143	5	0	70	0
J. T. Hayter, P.	Beulaville, R.F.D.	Hal'sville	6	6	6	0	122	6	3	139	0
Wm. B. Hood, P.	Wallace, N. C.	Wallace	11	12	11	15	397	1	10	322	1
S. M. Houck, P.	Wilmington, R.F.D.	Bethany*†	6	8	14	18	172	0	1	153	0
S. M. Houck, P.	Castle Hayne, N. C.	McClure Memorial	4	8	1	3	128	1	0	125	0
Fletcher C. Hutcheson, P.	Tabor City, N. C.	Tabor City*†	2	5	1	7	35	1	1	51	0
Fletcher C. Hutcheson, P.	Brunswick, N. C.	Brunswick	4	5	5	0	52	5	2	77	0

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WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

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MINISTERS

(Listed in the order in which they were received)

1—P. L. Clark
2—J. L. Fairly
3—C. C. Myers
4—D. L. Williamson
5—J. W. Miller
6—J. S. Crowley
7—M. C. MacQueen
8—E. B. Carr
9—William Crowe, Jr.
10—B. E. Dotson
11—N. P. Farrior
12—W. H. Allison
13—F. M. Thompson
14—E. D. Witherspoon
15—L. A. Taylor
16—W. B. Hood
17—J. D. Withrow
18—J. M. Waggett
19—F. W. Lewis
20—W. H. Goodman
21—D. A. Bowles
22—B. F. Hall
23—M. G. Stimpson
24—W. P. Conyers III
25—Neill G. Stevens
26—R. L. McBath
27—W. F. F. Little
28—J. W. Ware
29—J. T. Hayter
30—J. A. Nisbet
31—L. C. Tucker
32—F. T. Read
33—S. M. Houck
34—M. J. McChesney
35—Price H. Gwynn
36—T. B. Ruff
37—Preston C. Oliver
38—S. N. Thomas
39—F. C. Hutcheson
40—J. C. McCann
41—H. J. Kaylor
42—T. O. Bird
43—G. W. Doherty
44—N. H. Flowers
45—L. C. Moore
46—C. L. Kirby

CHURCHES

Name, Year Organized

Acme, 1892
Antioch, 1925
Ashwood, 1922
Baker, 1934
Bethany, 1944
Beth Car, 1819
Bethel, 1924
Beulaville, 1917
Black River, 1740
Bladenboro, 1889
Bowden, 1905
Brunswick, 1947
Burgaw, 1879
Calypso, 1903
Cape Fear, 1944
Carolina Beach, 1943
Caswell, 1858
Chadbourn, 1897
Chapel on Boardwalk, 1952
Chinquapin, 1884
Clarkton, 1795
Croatan, 1884
Currie, 1914
Delgado, 1916
Elizabethtown, 1834
Elkton, 1917

Name, Year Organized

Faison, 1857
Graves Mem., 1838
Grove, 1736
Hallsville, 1900
Harmony, 1887
Harper-South'd, 1945
Hebron, 1886
Holly Grove, 1914
Hopewell, 1800
Immanuel, 1895
Jacksonville, 1911
Lake Waccamaw, 1921
Maple Hill, 1887
McClure Mem., 1940
Mt. Horeb, 1843
Mt. Olive, 1878
Mt. Williams, 1845
Mt. Zion, 1858
Myrtle Grove, 1944
New Hope, 1889
Oakdale, 1933
Oak Grove, 1952
Oak Plains, 1859
Page's Mill, 1946
Pearsall Mem., 1914
Pike, 1856
Pineland, 1953
Pink Hill, 1917

Name, Year Organized

Pleasant View, 1924
Pollocksville, 1868
Potts Mem., 1945
Rockfish, 1756
Rocky Point, 1922
St. Andrews, 1858
Ch. of Covenant, 1918
Merged—1944
Smith, 1895
Southport, 1902
South River, 1796
Stanford, 1892
Stafford Mem., 1951
Tabor City, 1944
Teachey, 1902
Topsail, 1871
Wallace, 1884
Warsaw, 1884
Webb Mem., 1929
Westminster, 1920
White Plains, 1850
Whiteville First, 1869
Wildwood, 1898
Willard, 1915
Wilmington First, 1817
Winter Park, 1913
Woodburn, 1924

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Wilbur M. Boice, Eugene Davis, Clifton E. Dickson, James F. Miller, Richard F. Perkins, George M. Powell, Eugene D. Witherspoon, and Eugene Ensley.

STATED SESSION

The 183rd Session of the Presbytery of Wilmington was held in the Myrtle Grove church, near Wilmington, on Tuesday, July 14, 1953. The session began with a service of worship and sermon led by the retiring moderator, Rev. Jack W. Ware. His sermon subject was "The God of the Lost," from Luke 15:1-10. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. W. L. Foley and Reverend Taylor O. Bird. They were assisted by the Ruling Elders of the host church.

The meeting was convened with prayer, led by Rev. L. C. Tucker.

The roll was called and the following members enrolled:

W. H. Allison, W. P. Conyers III, William Crowe, Jr., B. E. Dotson, A. K. Dudley, N. P. Farrior, W. L. Foley, W. H. Goodman, Jr., Price H. Gwynn, J. T. Hayter, W. B. Hood, S. M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, M. C. MacQueen, J. C. McCann, W. F. F. Little, R. L. McBath, M. J. McChesney, J. W. Miller, J. A. Nisbet, T. B. Ruff, C. C. Myers, Neill G. Stevens, M. G. Stimpson, L. A. Taylor, S. N. Thomas, L. C. Tucker, J. M. Waggett, J. W. Ware.

The following churches were enrolled by representatives:

Baker, Grainger Tadlock; Beth Car, P. H. Myers; Bethany, H. B. Rivenbark; Bethel, Graham Reece; Beulaville, Ray V. Culp; Black River, R. R. Warren; Brunswick, R. A. Powell; Calypso, Ed Lewis; Carolina Beach, D. N. Page; Caswell, Graham Shaw; Chadbourn, E. L. Derrick; Chinquapin, John Hollingsworth; Clarkton, A. W. McEwen; Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Elizabethtown, D. M. Calhoun; Faison, A. H. Ken; Grove, J. L. Wilmington; Hallsville, Ralph Miller; Harper-Southerland, Nick Smith; Immanuel, John Wolff; Jacksonville, Raymond Marshall; McClure Memorial, Rex Kern; Mt. Horeb, James Monroe; Mt. Olive, M. S. Porter, Jr.; Mt. Zion, R. T. Troy; Myrtle Grove, T. C. Gurganious; Oak Grove, J. W. Vogels; Pearsall Memorial, Frank Haasis; Pike, Thomas Sidbury; Pollocksville, H. A. Parker; Rockfish, A. C. Hall, Sr.; St. Andrews-Covenant, Wilbur D. Jones; Tabor City, W. O. Jackson, Jr.; Teachey, H. M. Wells; Topsail, Harold Howard; Wallace, John B. Boney; Warsaw, L. B. Huie; Webb Memorial, A. M. Lewis; Westminster, H. M. Leaman; Whiteville First, G. O. Rogers; Wildwood, W. R. Murdock; Willard, H. M. Johnson; Wilmington First, Geo. L. Mitchell; Winter Park, A. J. Jackson; Potts Memorial, J. C. Southerland; Stanford, Ned Poteat.

Dr. Frank A. Haasis, Ruling Elder in the Pearsall Memorial church, was elected Moderator.

Chaplain Malcolm Graham, member of Enoree Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother. Three Candidates, under care of the Presbytery, George Powell, Ernest Broske, and Wilbur Boice, Jr., were acknowledged

and welcomed to the meeting. Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced, and welcomed by the Moderator.

Rev. Jack W. Ware, pastor of the host church, welcomed the Presbytery.

The following Communications were received: Letter of Dismissal for Candidate Lardner Moore, from Potomac Presbytery, Letter of Dismissal for Rev. George W. Doherty, from Albemarle Presbytery, Letter of Dismissal for Rev. Norman H. Flowers, from East Mississippi Presbytery; these communications were referred to the committee on examinations; a letter from Rev. W. L. Foley, requesting dissolution of pastoral relations with the Westminster church and a Letter of Dismissal to Orange Presbytery. The Ruling Elder representing the Westminster church was heard, stating that the church reluctantly concurred in Mr. Foley's request. Words of affection and appreciation were spoken in behalf of Mr. Foley by members of the Presbytery. His requests were granted. The pastoral relationship was dissolved as of July 30, 1953. The Stated Clerk was instructed to write a letter of commendation to accompany the Letter of Dismissal. The report by J. Neveland Brand, Jr., C.P.A., on the audits of the books of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences, of Treasurer of Presbytery, and of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Office of Administration, was received as information and ordered filed with the Stated Clerk. The Presbytery authorized the Treasurer of Presbytery to pay for this audit, and future audits, out of the Contingent Fund.

A proposed docket, presented by the Stated Clerk, was adopted.

Rev. W. H. Allison, Chairman of the Committee on Annuities and Relief, made the annual report of the committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

Your Committee on Annuities and Relief submits the following report for the year April 1, 1952 to March 31, 1953:

1. For 13 years the Ministers' Annuity Fund has operated successfully. During this period $1,857,753.52 has been paid in benefits. At the present time the following annuitants are receiving benefits: 248 ministers, 264 widows, and 55 orphans.

2. During the year 353 homes were aided from the funds of Ministerial Relief: 68 ministers, 257 widows, 15 homes of orphans, and 13 non-ministerial workers. This was a decrease of 19 homes from the number aided in the previous year. The amount remitted to the homes of these beneficiaries was $212,067.25. In addition the sum of $181,419.41 of the funds of Ministerial Relief was used to supplement the inadequate annuities of 310 annuitants, making a total of $393,486.66 of Ministerial Relief funds that was remitted during the year. The total receipts for the Relief work from budgeted benevolence askings and the Joy Gift amounted to $551,408.78.

3. The percentage of the budgeted benevolences for the work of this Board has been reduced from 8% to 7.5%. It is urgent that the full 7.5% of the askings for Assembly Causes be given by the churches this year. The Joy Gift is the strength of Minis-

terial Relief and enables our Board to supplement the inadequate annuities for so many of our retired ministers.

4. Wilmington Presbytery has only two beneficiaries of Ministerial Relief at present.
5. The Group Life Insurance plan approved by the General Assembly went into effect July 1, 1952. Approximately 1,450 full-time employees of the Church are participating in this program, and 7 claims have been paid during the first nine months of the insurance year.

   The 1953 Assembly has approved the addition of hospitalization and surgical benefits to this program of Group Life Insurance.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. ALLISON, Chairman.

Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Educational Institutions, presented a resolution in behalf of Peace College as follows:

WHEREAS, Peace College of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Peace Institute, Inc., the corporation owning and holding the property of said college, are controlled and operated by trustees elected by the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh, North Carolina, and the Presbyteries of Albemarle, Granville, Kings Mountain, Orange, and Wilmington, of the Synod of North Carolina, of The Presbyterian Church in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Synod of North Carolina has urged the Presbyteries now having control of the said college to turn over and transfer to the Synod of North Carolina the control of and the responsibility for the operation of the said college and corporation, so that it would be the responsibility of all the Presbyteries of the said Synod to contribute to the expense of said operation and to participate in the control of said college and corporation; and,

WHEREAS, other Presbyteries of the Synod have in the past been contributing to the expense of the operation of said college; and,

WHEREAS, it appears to the Presbytery of Wilmington that it is advisable and to the best interest of said college that the control of Peace College and said corporation be transferred to the said Synod of North Carolina:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Presbytery of Wilmington that the ownership and control of and the responsibility for the operation of said Peace College and Peace Institute, Inc., be turned over and transferred to the Synod of North Carolina, of The Presbyterian Church in the United States; and, that upon the adoption of a resolution similar to this by the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh and each of the other Presbyteries now having control of said college and corporation, the present trustees of said college and corporation be, and are authorized to do all things necessary to transfer ownership and control of said college and corporation to said Synod of North Carolina.

Pending action upon this resolution, Presbytery heard Dr. Price H. Gwynn on the approaching financial campaign for Flora Macdonald College. This was received as information.

The resolution in behalf of Peace College was adopted.

Rev. W. H. Goodman, Chairman of the Committee on Special Causes, made the annual report of the committee, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL CAUSES

I. THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

During the year 1952 the American Bible Society placed 13,369,-030 Bibles, Testaments, and portions of Scripture in the hands of the people throughout the world. Scriptures for the blind were distributed in 36 languages. The General Assembly accepted $30,-000 for this cause in its Budget for the year 1954.

II. HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

In October, 1952, work was begun in Montreat on the new Historical Foundation Building. Ministers, Ruling Elders and Deacons have been asked to consider prayerfully and carefully the discharge of their obligation to make possible the completion of this building. Cost of construction will be something over $110,000.

III. MONTREAT

Sunday, May 30, 1954 has been designated as Montreat Day. Pastors, and Sessions are urged to give favorable notice to this Day for Montreat and its needs, to pray for the Spirit's fullest blessing upon Montreat, and wherever possible to receive an offering. The problem of Montreat College was committed for another year to an ad interim committee to report to the 1954 Assembly. Lest the College be left to the mercy of an overbearing operating deficit while the Assembly decides its fate, the Assembly has added $32,000 to its budget for Montreat for 1954, and designated that amount for education.

IV. STILLMAN COLLEGE

The two million dollar campaign for Negro Work, one million of which goes to Stillman College, is well over the top. The presentation of the $75,000 of the Women of the Church has endowed a Chair of Bible, which will be filled in September, 1953. Over 300 students enrolled during the past year. Of the amount allocated to Stillman in the general fund of the Assembly, the College failed to receive $32,709.39. It is not surprising to know that Stillman operated during the past year with a net deficit of approximately $27,000.

The School has been put on the list of The Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges for study leading to accreditation.

V. LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

For the support of this cause, the Assembly has accepted for the year 1954 the amount of $758.46.

VI. ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL

Training School Day has been set for April 25, 1954. Churches are urged to take this opportunity to become acquainted with the service this School is rendering, the opportunities it offers young Christians, and its needs. During the past year 116 students were enrolled. The new academic building under construction should be completed by September.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. GOODMAN, JR., Chairman

The ad-interim committee studying the compensation of Pastors made a supplemental report as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL
REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S AD-INTERIM
COMMITTEE
TO STUDY COMPENSATION OF PASTORS

This Committee, appointed at the January 1953 meeting of Wilmington Presbytery and re-appointed at the April 1953 meeting, herewith presents its further report on the subject of compensation to its pastors:

April Presbytery approved recommendations made by this Committee in its report of April 21, 1953, (1) that minimum annual compensation be objectively set at $3,300 with living quarters for unmarried ministers, and $3,600 with manse for married ministers with up to two children; (2) that churches, singly or in groups, give consideration to the setting of pastors' compensation higher than such minima; (3) that churches now assisted by Presbytery's Home Mission Committee in the payment of pastors' compensation be urged to, as soon as and to the extent possible, relieve Presbytery of that burden so that funds may be available for further extension of Home Mission Work in the Presbytery; and (4) that further study and handling be given the subject to include contacts with officers of such churches that it may be felt should give consideration to the payment of more adequate compensation to its pastors.

Following its re-appointment, this Committee, after further consultation with the Executive Secretary of Presbytery and considering ways and means of carrying out Presbytery's latest instructions handled the subject in the case of five (5) groups of churches where, in the light of latest data available, there seemed reason to think that the pastors were not being compensated in total amounts to the extent of the minima objectively adopted by Presbytery. Contacts with officers of the churches concerned by lay members of this Committee have resulted in the following findings and results:

One two-church group had already increased its total compensation, all direct, to a total in excess of the applicable minimum;

In one two-church group one congregation has agreed to increase its proportion and the other has indicated it will do likewise, which, with a continuing participation by Presbytery, would bring the total compensation up to the applicable minimum;

In another two-church group, the total compensation has been increased to the applicable minimum, without Presbytery assistance;

In still another two-church group, both congregations have agreed to increases which will bring the total compensation to applicable minimum, without Presbytery assistance;

In one four-church group the congregations, by individual actions, have arranged to increase the total compensation to the applicable minimum and at the same time relieve Presbytery of substantial participation.

Your chairman acknowledges with appreciation the wise counsel and assistance of Presbytery's Executive Secretary and the ministerial members of this Committee, and heartily commends the work of its lay members, particularly that of Ruling Elders Edwards, Cates and Marks by reason of the successful culmination of their efforts with Elders and Deacons of the four (4) groups of churches contacted.

Having carried out Presbytery's instructions, the Committee requests its discharge.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. CROWE, JR.,
B. E. DOTSON,
H. A. EDWARDS,
A. P. CATES,
J. R. MARKS,
H. B. KORNEGAY,
H. L. SEAGROVE
GEO. L. MITCHELL, Chairman

July 14, 1953.

The committee was commended for its excellent work as shown in the report.

Minutes of the commission to install Rev. J. C. McCann as pastor of the Oak Grove and the Chapel on the Boardwalk churches were read and admitted to record.

The Commission appointed to install the Rev. Jerry C. McCann as pastor of the Oak Grove and Little Chapel on the Board Walk churches met in the educational building of the Oak Grove church, Sunday, May 3, 1953, at 7:20 P.M. Members present Ministers: E. D. Witherspoon, S. N. Thomas, L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elders: W. M. Dickson, F. E. Little.

The meeting was opened with prayer, organized, parts assigned, and adjourned to the church sanctuary.

Rev. S. N. Thomas presided, propounded the constitutional questions and led the evening prayer. Rev. E. D. Witherspoon preached the sermon, having as his subject "The Spirit of the Church." Ruling Elder W. M. Dickson delivered a charge to the Congregation. Rev. L. A. Taylor led the prayer of installation and delivered a charge to the pastor. The newly installed pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, read and adopted the minutes of the meeting and adjourned with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR, Clerk

The minutes of the commission to revise the Manual of Presbytery presented the revised manual with the recommendation that it become effective as of the adjournment of this meeting of Presbytery. The recommendation was

adopted. A mimeographed copy of the Manual was placed in the hands of each member of Presbytery.

Presbytery extended to Dr. Gwynn, chairman of the commission, its gratitude for his leadership in this matter.

The commission requested: that members of Presbytery study the manual as presented; that recommended changes be presented to Presbytery not later than the January meeting; and that when such changes have been adopted, the Manual then be printed in pamphlet form.

The nominating committee was ordered to nominate members on all committees of Presbytery in classes in order that all terms on committees may be staggered. It was pointed out that by action of Presbytery some time ago all committee members terms now expire as of January 1st, 1954.

Standing committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Resolutions of Thanks, A. K. Dudley, N. P. Farrior, and Paul Jordan.

Leave of Absence, R. L. McBath, J. A. Nisbet and H. B. Rivenbark.

Place of Next Meeting, T. B. Ruff, McNair Johnson and Col. Geo. Beatty.

Presbytery recessed for lunch.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P.M. and was led in prayer by Dr. Price H. Gwynn.

Rev. B. E. Dotson reported for the commission on the Minister and His Work.

The Minutes of the commission were admitted to record and are as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Since the last meeting of Presbytery, your commission has taken the following actions:

1. Authorized Letters of Transfer for Candidates Thomas Clark to the Presbytery of Bluestone; and for Burris M. Bender to the Presbytery of Guerrant.

2. Urged Boards of Deacons, in the churches of the Presbytery, to appoint women on the manse committees of the local churches.

3. Approved calls for pastoral services as follows: from the Warsaw and Bowden churches to Rev. Norman H. Flowers; from the Bethel and Chinquapin churches to Rev. George W. Doherty; from the Cape Fear church to Rev. Lardner C. Moore.

Respectfully submitted,
B. E. DOTSON, Chairman.

The Rev. W. F. F. Little was named to replace Rev. Carl B. Craig on the Commission to organize a church at King's Chapel.

The Rev. Wade H. Allison presented to Presbytery Mr. Lardner C. Moore, a candidate for the ministry under care of Potomac Presbytery. The letter of dismissal was read and Mr. Moore was admitted to examination for Licensure and Ordination. Mr. Allison reported that the written parts required for the examination had been studied and recommended that they be accepted. Presbytery adopted the recommendation.

The examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Nisbet and was sustained.

The academic degrees of Mr. Moore from the University of Southern California and from Columbia Theological Seminary were accepted in lieu of the examination on academic studies.

The examination on Theology was conducted by Dr. Price H. Gwynn and was sustained.

The examination on Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by the Rev. J. C. McCann and was sustained.

The examination on English Bible was conducted by the Rev. Jack Ware and was sustained.

Mr. Moore preached a sermon using as his text Matthew 5:13-16, which was found satisfactory.

The examination as a whole was sustained, and Mr. Moore was received into Wilmington Presbytery after signing the Minister's obligations.

The questions for Licensure were proposed to the candidate by the Moderator, who also led in the prayer and read the declaration. The examination for Licensure was accepted by the Presbytery as the examination for Ordination.

A call from the Cape Fear Presbyterian church for the Pastoral services of Mr. Moore was read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to ordain and install Mr. Moore on July 26th, 1953, at 7:30 P.M.

Ministers: W. B. Hood, A. K. Dudley and W. H. Allison; Elders: J. B. Huntington, and J. B. Boney.

The Rev. Norman H. Flowers, and the Rev. George W. Doherty, were presented to Presbytery for examination. A letter of dismissal from Albemarle Presbytery for Mr. Doherty and from East Mississippi for Mr. Flowers were read, and these two ministers were admitted to examination.

The examinations on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Nisbet and was sustained.

The examination on views in Theology was conducted by Dr. Price H. Gwynn and was sustained.

The examination on Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by Rev. J. C. McCann and was sustained.

The examinations as a whole were sustained and Revs. Doherty and Flowers were ordered enrolled in Wilmington Presbytery after signing the Minister's obligations.

Calls for the services of Mr. Flowers from the Warsaw and Bowden churches were read, found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Flowers at Warsaw:

Dr. L. A. Taylor, W. B. Hood, J. T. Hayter, Ministers; J. B. Stroud and Vivian Wells, Elders. The installation to be September 6th, the hour to be left to the Commission.

The commission to install Mr. Flowers in the Bowden Church was appointed as follows:

Ministers: M. C. MacQueen, B. E. Dotson and T. O. Bird; Elders: William Patterson and A. L. Cavenaugh. The installation to be August 30, 1953 at 8:00 P.M.

Calls for the Pastoral services of Rev. G. W. Doherty from the Chinquapin and Bethel churches were read, found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him. The following Commission was appointed to install Mr. Doherty as Pastor of these churches:

Ministers: W. H. Goodman, Jr., L. A. Taylor, and M. G. Stimpson; Elders: John Hollingsworth and Graham Reece. The installation to be at the Bethel Church on August 2, at 8:00 P.M.

The Stated Clerk made his annual report which was received as information.

Commissioners to the last meeting of the General Assembly reported on their attendance and work as follows:

Ministers: W. H. Goodman, Jr., J. M. Waggett, and J. A. Nisbet; Elders: D. M. Calhoun, Carl Southerland and Frank Haasis.

The reports were received as information and the diligence of the Commissioners commended. Presbytery extended thanks for the excellent presentation of the work of the Assembly made by its Commissioners.

The report of the committee on Leave of Absence was read and adopted as follows:

That Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. B. F. Hall, Rev. D. A. Bowles, Rev. F. T. Read be excused from attendance at this meeting of Presbytery. That Rev. William Crowe, Jr., be excused at 12:15 P.M. That Rev. T. O. Bird, and Elders Ed Lewis, M. C. Bowden, and Ned

Roberts be excused at 12:15. That Sam Thomas, W. F. F. Little, and H. A. Parker be excused at 3:00 p.m.

The report of the committee on Resolutions of Thanks was read and adopted as follows:

The committee on Thanks wishes to express the appreciation of Wilmington Presbytery for the privilege of using the facilities of the Myrtle Grove church for this meeting of Presbytery. Especially do we thank the ladies of the church for the delicious dinner served members of Presbytery.

We are gratified in observing the growth of the Myrtle Grove church and the continual improvement of its properties.

The committee expresses its appreciation to the retiring moderator, the Rev. Jack Ware, for the excellent sermon preached in the morning.

Respectfully submitted,
A. K. DUDLEY,
N. P. FARRIOR,
PAUL JORDAN.

The committee on Time and Place of next meeting reported that no invitations had been received and the place of the next meeting of Presbytery was left in the hands of the Moderator and the Stated Clerk. The meeting to be the third Tuesday in October.

The Presbytery approved the application of the Rockfish church for a loan from Synod's Home Missions committee in the amount of $3,000, to be used in acquiring a manse.

A motion to rescind the action of Presbytery granting authority to the commission on the Minister and His Work to dissolve pastoral relationships between ministers and churches and grant ministers a letter of dismissal to another presbytery, when both pastor and church concur in the request, was tabled and docketed for consideration at the October meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery authorized an Ad Interim committee to plan and direct the study of the Plan of Reunion in the Presbytery and in local churches, and to receive suggestions for changes in the plan, brought to the attention of Presbytery at the October meeting.

Rev. M. G. Stimpson made verbal report on Pioneer Camp, which was received as information.

The Rev. W. B. Hood was chosen as Moderator in nomination for the October meeting.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with a hymn and the benediction by Rev. M. J. McChesney.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk.

STATED SESSION

The 184th stated session of the Presbytery of Wilmington convened at the Jacksonville Presbyterian church at 10:00 A.M. October 20, 1953. The worship service was conducted by Ruling Elder Frank Haasis, the Moderator of the Presbytery. The sermon was on the subject: "The Laity, Instruments of the Holy Spirit."

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by L. A. Taylor.

The roll was called and the following Ministers were enrolled:

W. H. Allison; T. O. Bird; P. L. Clark; W. P. Conyers III; Wm. Crowe, Jr.; J. S. Crowley; B. E. Dotson; N. P. Farrior; P. H. Gwynn; J. T. Hayter; S. M. Houck; F. C. Hutcheson; H. J. Kaylor; W. F. F. Little; M. C. MacQueen; R. L. McBath; J. C. McCann; M. J. McChesney; J. W. Miller; C. C. Myers; J. A. Nisbet; T. B. Ruff; N. G. Stevens; M. G. Stimpson; L. A. Taylor; S. N. Thomas; L. C. Tucker; J. M. Waggett; J. W. Ware; E. D. Witherspoon; N. H. Flowers; G. L. Doherty, L. C. Moore, Jr.

The following churches were enrolled with their representatives:

Acme, Sam Hall; Baker, B. C. Thigpen; Beth Car, P. H. Myers; Bethany, J. A. Sloan; Black River, G. S. Beatty; Bladenboro, J. F. Davis; Brunswick, W. L. Ellen; Burgaw, E. T. Pullen; Calypso, A. J. Dail; Carolina Beach, C. T. Strickland; Caswell, C. P. Moore; Chapel on the Boardwalk, C. E. Dixon; Chadbourn, Algie Sutton; Chinquapin, William Dail; Clarkton, D. D. Clark; Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Elizabethtown, W. M. Flournoy; Faison, A. P. Cates; Grove, A. D. Littleton; Hallsville, Walter Miller; Harmony, R. E. Pendergrass; Hopewell, Milton Murray; Immanuel, N. J. Owens; Jacksonville, H. M. Loy; McClure Memorial, J. S. Cameron; Mt. Horeb, Clark Allen; Mt. Olive, T. R. Thigpen; Mt. Zion, Dallas Herring; Myrtle Grove, Norwood Bender; Oak Plains, A. C. Newkirk; Pearsall Memorial, Paul R. Jordan; Pike, J. H. Worrell; Pollocksville, R. P. Bender; Potts Memorial, L. S. Cannady; Rock Fish, Julius Wells; St. Andrews-Covenant, W. L. Marks; Smith, H. L. Page; Stafford Memorial, Henry Beatty; Stanford, Ralph Jones; Teachey, B. F. Brinkley; Topsail, R. M. Thomas; Warsaw, A. L. Cavenaugh; Webb Memorial, S. W. Thompson; Westminster, W. M. Boice; Wildwood, James G. Murdock, Sr.; Willard, C. T. Carr.

A quorum was present. The Rev. L. C. Tucker was elected moderator. The following were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren, Chaplain M. W. Graham of Enoree Presbytery and Rev. Milton B. Faust of Concord Persbytery.

Miss Jane Chamblee, Area worker for the Presbyteries of Albemarle and Wilmington was presented to Presbytery.

Elders attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced to Presbytery by their respective pastors and were welcomed to Presbytery by the Moderator.

A docket was presented to Presbytery by the Stated Clerk and was adopted.

The following communications were presented to Presbytery: From Mecklenberg Presbytery, a letter of dismissal for candidate Charles L. Kirby, referred to the committee on Examinations; from Dr. Wade H. Boggs of the Board of Annuities and Relief relative to the hospitalization insurance now available to church employees, received as information.

The Rev. Milton B. Faust was given the privilege of the floor and spoke to Presbytery relative to the Conference on Evangelism to be held in Raleigh February 17-18, 1954.

The Rev. William Crowe, Jr. made the report for Presbytery's Council.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON BY THE COUNCIL OF PRESBYTERY JACKSONVILLE, N. C., OCTOBER 20, 1953

Since the last report of the Council to the Presbytery a vast variety of spiritual influences have been set to work through the bounds of Presbytery, through the congregations and through the leadership of committees and the office of the executive. We have no means of describing the details of this great enterprise. We are recording a number of significant facts for the information of the Presbytery. It should be stated at the outset that the results of leadership both within the congregations and within the Presbytery at large have not been perfect nor has the work of any of our human leadership been perfect. Therefore, much is left to be desired in the way of achieving the purposes of Christ's Kingdom.

We are pleased to report that young peoples work seems to have prospered during the past year. There has been a slight increase in the number of organizations. There seems to be more attention being given in the congregations to securing and training effective adult advisors for youth groups. The Presbytery organizations of young people are gradually leading the local organizations into practicing orderly adherence to the youth manuals. During the summer the youth conferences were quite well attended in spite of the fact that the Pioneer conferences had to be reduced from the normal two to only one this year because of conflicting dates at the conference site. The senior conference at Red Springs was equally well attended and was characterized by a very fine spirit.

Evangelism continues to play an important role in the congregations. This factor has been the cause of more persons than ever before being received on profession of faith and on certificate of

transfer. In the Wilmington area the Laymen's Christian Mission was sponsored for the fourth consecutive time last spring by the congregations and under the general leadership of Dr. W. C. Mebane. For the first time there was no union evangelistic preaching but each congregation had its own separate services. However, there was a union visitation movement in connection with the mission under the leadership for the second year of Dr. W. H. McCorkle, Director of Evangelism for the General Assembly. There is reason to believe that the pastors of the Presbytery are becoming more and more conscious of the need of communicant's classes for children and young people and this means better prepared youth appearing before Sessions.

Three new churches have been organized since the Council's last report including Oak Grove and the Little Chapel on the Board Walk, both outposts of the First Church, Wilmington, N. C., and Kings Chapel, near Jacksonville. A committee was appointed by order of the Council at its last meeting in September for the study of the grouping of Churches in the Presbytery. The committee was requested to make a partial report to this meeting of the Presbytery regarding a specific area.

The Sunday School enrollment has reached a new peak. However, this enrollment fluctuates too much from year to year for any certainty to be expressed regarding the figures. It is a matter of interest that several cooperative ventures are being engaged in with other denominations in circumstances where no single denomination is welcomed.

Very successful Leadership Training Schools were held in three areas of the Presbytery during the year: in Wallace for the churches of the Northern end of the Presbytery, in Wilmington for the churches of the Central area of the Presbytery and in Whiteville for the churches in the Southern end of the Presbytery.

Another retreat for ministers was held in the cottage owned by Mr. Holmes Davis on Wrightsville Beach in September. Mr. Davis provided this handsome lodging for the ministers as a generous courtesy. Dr. William Oglesby of Union Seminary spent the time of the retreat leading discussions in Pastoral Counseling.

The financial stewardship of the Presbytery seems to be doing some better. One encouraging fact is that the Presbytery has established a minimum salary for unmarried ministers of $3,300.00; and $3,600.00 for a married minister besides a manse. This minimum has been achieved through the successful work of a committee appointed by the Presbytery, largely of laymen, to study the matter of salaries of ministers. Mr. George L. Mitchell of Wilmington was chairman of this committee. By a special delegation the lay members of the committee interviewed leaders of certain congregations for the purpose of getting them to give more adequate support to their ministers. The results were excellent and uniform. The increases were made by the congregations and did not become an added responsibility on the Home Mission fund of the Presbytery.

The requested budget for 1954 is as follows: Assembly $77,777.00, Synod $47,309.00, Presbytery $43,606.16, with an equalization fund of $11,740.12. These totals add to $168,584.58. Presbytery's Council decided to distribute this budget among the congregations at the straight per capita rate which is 14.334. Attached to this sheet there are other sheets indicating the analysis of the requested budget for

all of these causes. It is a matter of interest that the financial reports for the year closing March 31, 1953 indicated that more money was given through the various treasuries both to benevolences and current expenses than ever before.

There are two problems in the Presbytery that ought to be given serious attention. One of them has to do with the principles of our financial stewardship. Our Presbytery remains at the bottom of the list of Presbyteries in the Synod. Our giving is lower than the average of the General Assembly. We have a partial explanation of this fact in that we have had no major building operations among the congregations of this Presbytery and most other Presbyterys have had such operations. Besides, the average income of this area is the lowest in the Synod. These are only partial explanations but they ought to be considered. The chairman of this Council met with various laymen to explain the goals of the Presbytery and help them to understand our weaknesses. A number of these laymen went to a good many congregations or groups of leaders in congregations and presented the appeal for increases. Undoubtedly we ought to do better than we are doing as a Presbytery and that means our congregations should do better. Some of us have given a great deal of thought to this matter. There seems to be a general belief that our congregations lack proper initiative among leading laymen. Certainly it would be well for such laymen to search themselves and discover whether or not it is they or their pastors who are not providing the proper leadership for our people.

The other problem arises directly out of our success in the work of Evangelism. It is one that attends success but is definitely a problem, namely, that increasing numbers of people coming into our Churches require a great deal of thought so that they may be reasonably indoctrinated with Christian teachings on the one hand and reasonably assimilated into our congregational life on the other. Neither of these essential conditions will be met unless definite effort is made toward these ends.

Respectfully submitted,
The Council of the Presbytery
WILLIAM CROWE, JR.,
Chairman

The following benevolent quotas as recommended by the Council for the benevolent budgets of the various churches were received as goals for the consideration of the churches of the Presbytery:

A SUGGESTIVE BUDGET FOR BENEVOLENCES FOR 1954

Assembly Causes

World Missions	20. %	$33,543.20	plus specials
Church Extension	9. %	15,094.44	plus specials
Christian Education	3.5%	5,870.06	plus specials
Annuities and Relief	2. %	3,354.32	plus specials
General Fund	5.8%	9,727.53	
Inter. Ch. Agencies	.2%	335.43	
	40.5%	$67,924.98	plus specials

Synod Causes

Church Extension	5. %	$ 8,385.80	
Educational Institutions	11. %	18,448.76	
Campus Christian Life	1. %	1,677.16	
Religious Education	2. %	3,354.32	
Orphan's Home	5. %	8,385.80	plus specials
Presbyterian Home	1. %	1,677.16	
William Black Home	.5%	838.58	
	25.5%	$42.767.58	plus specials

Presbytery's Causes

Home Missions	20. %	$33,543.20
Administration	7. %	11,740.12
	27. %	$43,606.16

Equalization Fund

7. %	$11,740.12

Total Budget: $167,716.00

$200.00 to N. C. Council of Churches from Equalization Fund

Name of Church	Number of Members	At a per Capita of $14.334	Asked to Give
Acme	71	1,018	1,018
Antioch	38	544	544
Ashwood	29	415	415
Baker	58	828	828
Bethany	172	2,465	2,465
Beth Car	48	688	1,008
Bethel	184	2,637	2,637
Beulaville	98	1,405	1,405
Black River	75	1,075	1,075
Bladenboro	37	530	530
Bowden	44	631	631
Brunswick	52	745	745
Burgaw	196	2,809	2,809
Calypso	121	1,734	1,734
Cape Fear	150	2,150	2,150
Carolina Beach	107	1,537	1,537
Caswell	124	1,777	1,777
Chadbourn	177	2,537	2,537
Chapel on Boardwalk	48	688	688
Chinquapin	137	1,963	1,963
Clarkton	323	4,522	5,652
Croatan	26	373	373
Currie	37	530	530
Delgado	129	1,849	1,849
Elizabethtown	293	4,199	5,127
Elkton	29	415	415

Name of Church	Number of Members	At a per Capita of $14.334	Asked to Give
Faison	192	2,752	2,752
Graves Memorial	427	6,120	7,472
Grove	143	2,340	2,340
Hallsville	122	1,749	1,749
Harmony	82	1,169	1,169
Harper-Southerland	50	717	717
Hebron	15	225	225
Holly Grove	87	1,147	1,147
Hopewell	129	1,849	1,849
Immanuel	344	4,859	4,859
Jacksonville	308	4,312	4,312
Lake Waccamaw	82	1,175	1,175
Maple Hill	25	358	358
McClure Memorial	128	1,434	1,434
Mt. Horeb	30	430	430
Mt. Olive	317	4,438	4,438
Mt. Williams	31	444	444
Mt. Zion	233	3,340	4,077
Myrtle Grove	110	1,577	1,577
New Hope	98	1,405	1,405
Oakdale	35	502	502
Oak Grove	57	817	817
Oak Plain	57	817	817
Pearsall Memorial	280	4,013	4,013
Pike	63	903	903
Pink Hill	84	1,194	1,194
Pages Mill	32	459	459
Pleasant View	66	946	946
Pollocksville	106	1,519	1,519
Potts Memorial	120	1,720	1,720
Rockfish	174	2,494	2,494
Rocky Point	97	1,390	1,390
St. Andrews-Covenant	1,352	19,378	28,392
Smith	77	1,104	1,104
Southport	124	1,767	1,767
South River	18	252	252
Stanford	110	1,577	1,577
Stafford Memorial	43	602	602
Tabor City	35	502	502
Teachey	103	1,476	1,476
Topsail	103	1,476	1,476
Wallace	397	5,690	6,947
Webb Memorial	171	2,451	2,451
Westminster	245	3,512	4,287
White Plains	64	927	927
Whiteville, First	239	3,422	5,019
Wildwood	75	1,075	1,075
Willard	56	802	802
Wilmington, First	1,030	14,763	21,630
Winter Park	326	4,673	4,673
Woodburn	131	1,834	1,834

The report of the committee on Homes was made by the Rev. M. J. McChesney and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMES

Barium Springs Orphan's Home

Through the providence of God and the loyalty of His people another good year has been completed in the life of the Home at Barium Springs. The Regents report that this was the best year financially that the institution has known. Even so rising costs have been such that the Home broke just about even in its operating budget. The salaries of those in the service of the Home have been raised, but are still low.

In the matter of Little Joe's Church, the Regents report that Concord Presbytery, acting upon the request of Synod's Commission, has given the Church special status wherein the Home has equal voice in the calling of a minister and providing for his salary, and in the planning and execution of the Religious Education Program as it affects the children of the Home. Final plans for the new Church building have been approved and contracts will be let for the erection of the Sanctuary in the fall.

Several needs of the Home should be mentioned regarding its physical equipment: (1) The sewage disposal system is utterly inadequate and totally outmoded and the State Department of Health is counseling the administration in what is necessary and requiring that it be installed. (2) The swimming pool, built twenty-five years ago, has just about seen its years of service and will before long have to be replaced or taken out of use. For three years the Health Department has failed to approve the pool, but has not yet condemned it entirely.

For the year that lies ahead the continuing loyalty and interest of the Churches of Wilmington Presbytery will be needed, so that the Home may retain its high standards of Christian service to its boys and girls. Your special gifts and Thanksgiving Day offerings to the Home will be needed and wisely used. And the prayers of Presbyterians for the work of the Home are essential.

The Presbyterian Home

High Point, N. C.

The Board of Trustees reports the following major activities of the Home during the past year:

"On November 5, 1952 we received our twenty-fourth Member, which filled the Home to its capacity." The age range of the Members is from seventy to ninety-two, and thus far there has been only one death in the membership. It is the policy of the Admissions Committee, insofar as possible, to have Members from each supporting Presbytery. Mrs. Lulu B. Dunn of Wallace and Miss Kathryn McAlister of Rose Hill are Members in the Home from Wilmington Presbytery.

"On April 2, 1953, bids were received and contracts were awarded totaling $290,991.00"—for construction of the much needed second unit of the Home. "We have on hand as of July 31, 1953 in the Building Fund $181,080.21 to apply against this contractural obligation . . . We will need $83,654.27 to finish paying for the new addi-

tion. We hope to obtain this from individual gifts, memorials, bequests, etc." The Churches of Wilmington Presbytery are asked to remember the Home with a special offering on Mother's Day, May 9, 1954.

The addition will provide space for thirty-six Members, making the total capacity of the Home sixty. When it is completed, the Home will have a total of 46 single rooms and seven double rooms.

Mr. R. A. Short, Superintendent of the Home, says, "We have some beautiful slides of the Home, and I am happy to appear before any group who is interested in having me do so to show the slides and share with them our experiences in operating the Home."

Visitors to the Home are always welcome. Members of Wilmington Presbytery who have opportunity to do so are urged to see for themselves what God hath wrought through their contributions to the Presbyterian Home at High Point, North Carolina.

The William Black Home

The 1953 Entertainment Season of the William Black Home extended from June 1st to August 31st. Thirty-three Commissioners of the General Assembly were guests of the Home and were lavish in expressions of appreciation of the entertainment enjoyed. The Home has now reached the position of rendering more aid to our faithful Home Mission workers. Eight of our Presbyterian workers were provided free entertainment for a week each in the month of August. This was just the beginning of what the William Black Home desires to do for our home missionaries, while at the same time furnishing room and board for other visitors to Montreat from one to four dollars less than like service can be had elsewhere.

The Board of the Home reports that, since last year, the dining room and kitchen have been enlarged, a storage pantry constructed, servant quarters of four rooms erected in the rear of the Home, and parking lot paved at a total cost of approximately $9,000.00. Operational expenses of the season were met in full, with a small balance assured.

Several years ago the Presbytery of Wilmington accepted a request of the William Black Home for $4,000.00 for construction purposes, with proportional quotas assigned to the various Churches. Of this $4,000.00, less than $100.00 has been paid to date, and it is evident that the recommendation was accepted by Presbytery without full understanding and due consideration of the Churches' ability and intention to pay. The Churches, by and large, simply have not accepted their quotas.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee on Homes
M. J. McCHESNEY,
Chairman

Presbytery authorized that a sum of $1,000 be given to the building costs of the William Black Home from the contigency fund of the Presbytery, in lieu of a reapportionment of the acceptance by Presbytery of a quota accepted some years ago, upon which quota less than $100 had been paid.

Miss Jane Chamblee, Area worker for Synod's committee on Christian Education was given the privilege of the floor and spoke to Presbytery of the work which she is prepared to do in local churches.

The report of the committee on Nominations was made by The Rev. N. P. Farrior and was adopted as follows: (See the Directory.)

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

Leave of Absence, S. N. Thomas, J. W. Miller and Algie Sutton. Resolutions, F. C. Hutcheson, Norman Flowers and Walter Miller, Place of Next Meeting: J. A. Nisbet, J. C. McCann, and P. H. Myers.

The Special committee to study proposed changes in the Book of Church order and the Confession of Faith presented its report and recommended that Presbytery docket these for action at the January meeting. The recommendation was adopted.

The Minutes of the commission to Organize King's Chapel were read and admitted to record and are as follows:

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery to Organize a church at King's Chapel met at the Chapel on Sunday, July 22, 1953, at 7:45 p.m. The members present were: Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Rev. W. F. F. Little, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Rev. M. G. Stimpson, and Ruling Elder R. V. Wells.

The meeting was opened with prayer and duly organized. Rev. L. A. Taylor was elected Moderator. Ruling Elder R. V. Wells was elected Clerk. The Commission adjourned to the Sanctuary for a service of worship with a sermon by Rev. W. H. Goodman on the subject: "For this Cause I bow my Knee."

Rev. L. A. Taylor presided at the service of organization. Rev. W. F. F. Little introduced the following persons, and presented a certificate of dismissal from the Jacksonville church:

Mrs. B. D. Collins, Mrs. F. R. Dixon, Mrs. Leon Ray Dixon, R. A. King, Sr., Mrs. R. A. King, Robert A. King, Jr., Troy E. King, Mrs. Troy E. King, A. B. Lanier, Mrs. A. B. Lanier, W. W. Lanier, Mrs. W. W. Lanier, H. F. Parker, Mrs. Horace Parker, Mrs. Beulah Raynor, Miss Marjorie D. Rawls, Charles Rawls, Mrs. Delbert Rowles, Mrs. Margaret Shepherd, Mrs. Norman Shepherd, Mrs. Sadie Shepherd, Mrs. A. Z. Thompson, Joe E. Hubbard, and Mrs. Joe E. Hubbard.

They were received by the Commission. Mr. Hubert Parker presented himself for membership on Profession of Faith in Christ and Baptism. He was received by the Commission.

The persons received subscribed to the following Covenant by the raising of the right hand: "We desire to be constituted and organized as a church to be known as Pine Lands Church. We do covenant and agree to walk together as disciples of Jesus Christ in a Church relation according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. We promise to maintain this Church by our attendance at its services, our support of its work, our gifts, our ef-

forts, our prayers, and seek in its fellowship to glorify the name and further the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ." Following this covenant Rev. M. G. Stimpson Ordained and Installed Mr. Joe E. Hubbard and Mr. Troy E. King to the office of Ruling Elder, and Mr. A. B. Lanier to the office of Deacon; they having been previously elected by the people. The Moderator declared the church duly organized.

Rev. N. P. Farrior led in prayer for the newly organized congregation and Ruling Elder R. V. Wells delivered a charge to the people. Rev. W. F. F. Little dismissed the congregation with the Benediction.

The Commission reassembled in one of the class rooms. The Minutes of the meeting were read and approved and the meeting was closed with prayer.

R. V. WELLS, Clerk

The Minutes of the commission to Ordain and Install Lardner C. Moore, Jr., were read and admitted to record and are as follows:

THE INSTALLATION OF REV. LARDNER MOORE

The commission appointed by the Presbytery to ordain Lardner Moore and install him as pastor of the Cape Fear Presbyterian Church met in the study of the Church Sunday, July 26, 1953 at 7:15 P.M. Members present: Ministers William B. Hood, Chairman, S. M. Houck and A. K. Dudley; Elders J. B. Huntington and Jn. B. Boney (alternate). The meeting was called to order by William B. Hood, Chairman, with Elder J. B. Huntington leading in prayer. A. K. Dudley, minister, was elected clerk. The parts were assigned as follows, according to the Book of Church Order:

Elder J. B. Huntington to preside, Rev. A. K. Dudley to charge the congregation, Rev. William B. Hood to propound the constitutional questions and to charge the minister, and the sermon to be preached by Rev. S. M. Houck. The sermon was of excellent quality, very searching and suitable to the occasion. The text chosen was from Joshua 7:9 "What wilt thou do for thy great name?"

Following the service of installation with the laying on of hands, and prayer by Rev. William B. Hood, the officers, then members of the congregation and friends gathered at the altar about the newly ordained and installed minister to extend to him the right hand of fellowship and to welcome him as pastor of Cape Fear Presbyterian Church.

The Commission reconvened in the study, approved the minutes of the proceedings and adjourned with prayer, led by Elder Jn. B. Boney.

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED K. DUDLEY, Clerk

The Minutes of the commission to Install the Rev. George W. Doherty as Pastor of the Bethal and Chinquapin churches were read, and admitted to record and are as follows:

THE INSTALLATION OF REV. GEORGE W. DOHERTY

The Commission of Wilmington Presbytery to install the Reverend George W. Doherty as pastor of the Bethel and Chinquapin Presby-

terian Churches met at the Bethel Church Sunday evening, August 2, 1953 at 8:00 P.M. Elder Doctor Frank A. Haasis, chairman, called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with prayer. The Rev. M. G. Stimpson was elected clerk. The parts were assigned as follows:

To Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions—Elder Doctor Frank A. Haasis.

To Read the Scripture and Preach the Sermon—Reverend Walter H. Goodman.

To Give the Prayer and Charge the Pastor—Reverend L. A. Taylor.

To Charge the Congregation—Reverend Millard G. Stimpson.

To Pronounce the Benediction—Reverend George W. Doherty.

The Commission adjourned to the sanctuary to carry out the assigned parts (during an electrical rain storm). The Scripture was read from Matthew 16:13-19, 24-25; and the subject of the inspiring sermon was, "He That Loseth His Life Shall Find It." At the close of the service the pastor paid tribute to the beloved and now deceased Elder Graham Reece of the Bethel Church. The Commission reconvened at the manse; the minutes were read and approved, and the meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. Taylor. The most delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Doherty, in honor of their new and first grandson.

Respectfully submitted,
MILLARD G. STIMPSON,
Clerk of Commission

The Minutes of the Commission to install the Rev. N. H. Flowers as Pastor of the Warsaw and Bowden churches were read, and admitted to record, as follows:

THE INSTALLATION OF REV. NORMAN H. FLOWERS

The Commission to install Rev. Norman H. Flowers as Pastor of the church of Warsaw met at the church on Sunday morning, September 6, 1953. Members present: Rev. J. T. Hayter, Ruling Elder R. V. Wells, Rev. L. A. Taylor, and by invitation of the Commission Ruling Elder Dallas Herring. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Rev. J. T. Hayter. Rev. L. A. Taylor was elected clerk. Parts were assigned to members of the Commission. The Commission adjourned to the sanctuary.

Rev. J. T. Hayter Presided and Propounded the Constitutional Questions, and delivered a charge to the pastor. Ruling Elder Dallas Herring, by invitation of the Commission, delivered a charge to the congregation. Rev. L. A. Taylor preached the sermon, having as his subject "The Basic Task of the Church," from the text Second Corinthians 5:19.

The Commission reconvened following the installation. The minutes were read and approved and the Commission adjourned with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR, Clerk.

The Commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to install Rev. Norman Flowers as pastor of the Bowden Community Church, met at the church at 7:50 P.M., on August 30, 1953. Members present were Rev. B. E. Dotson, Chairman; Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Taylor O. Bird, and Elders W. A. Patterson and A. L. Cavenaugh.

The Commission was called to order by its Chairman, Rev. B. E. Dotson, and opened with prayer. Taylor O. Bird was elected to serve as clerk. The parts as previously suggested were assigned, and the Commission joined in the 8 P.M. worship service.

Rev. B. E. Dotson presided over the service. The Rev. M. C. MacQueen preached the sermon. The constitutional questions were propounded by Rev. B. E. Dotson. Taylor O. Bird delivered the charge to the pastor, and both Mr. Patterson and Mr. Cavenaugh delivered the charge to the congregation. The Rev. Norman Flowers pronounced the Benediction.

After the worship service the Commission reconvened and approved its minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
TAYLOR O. BIRD,
Clerk of the Commission.

The Minutes of the Commission on the Minister and His work were read and admitted to record, and are as follows:

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Your Commission reports the following actions:

1. Approved calls from Caswell, Black River, Harmony, and Stafford Memorial churches to Candidate Charles L. Kirby.

2. Approved calls from Currie, Pike and Rocky Point Churches to Rev. J. Fitzhugh Clark.

3. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between Rev. A. K. Dudley and the Winter Park church, and gave Mr. Dudley a Certificate of Transfer to the Presbytery of Concord.

4. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between Rev. David A. Bowles and the First Church, Whiteville. A serious throat ailment makes it necessary for Mr. Bowles to become inactive in the ministry for the immediate future.

Presbytery recessed at 1:00 p.m. for lunch and Committee meetings.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name," and was led in prayer by Rev. Fletcher C. Hutcheson.

The Special Committee to promote a study of the Proposed plan for Union of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., The Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the United Presbyterian Church, made its report and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That every church be urged to hold special meetings of the session and Board of deacons to hear and discuss a presentation of

the Plan of Union, if they have not yet done so. All church members should be invited.

2. That an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held Tuesday, October 27th in the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian church in Wilmington at 2:00 P.M. for the sole purpose of discussing the plan of Union, and arriving, if possible, at Presbytery recommendations regarding changes. Individuals and sessions are encouraged to present recommended changes to this meeting, in writing if possible. This meeting shall be open to any who care to attend.

A letter of Dismissal for Candidate Charles L. Kirby from Mecklenberg Presbytery was read and Mr. Kirby was admitted to examination for Licensure.

The written parts of the examination, having been examined by the committee, were approved as satisfactory.

The examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for seeking the Gospel ministry was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Nisbet, and was sustained.

The examination in Theology was conducted by the Rev. S. M. Houck, and was sustained.

The examination in Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by the Rev. P. L. Clark, and was sustained.

The examination on English Bible was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Ware, and was sustained.

The diploma from Davidson college and a diploma from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia were received in lieu of the examination on academic studies.

Mr. Kirby preached a sermon using as his text I Cor. 15:20, which was sustained.

The examination as a whole was sustained and Mr. Kirby was duly licensed to Preach the Gospel according to the Book of Church Order. The service of Licensure was conducted by the Moderator.

Presbytery accepted the examination for Licensure as acceptable for Ordination. Mr. Kirby was received into the Presbytery after signing the minister's Obligations.

Calls for the Pastoral services of Mr. Kirby from the Black River, Caswell, Harmony and Stafford Memorial churches were read, found in order and placed in his hands. Mr. Kirby accepted the calls and the following commission was appointed to ordain and install Mr. Kirby at a Union service of the four churches. Place: Black River Presbyterian Church, Ivanhoe, Time: October 25th, 1953 at 7:30 P.M.

Members of the commission: S. N. Thomas, R. L. McBath; J. W. Miller, Ruling Elders J. H. Clark and D. M. Cal-

houn. Three ministers and one ruling elder to constitute a quorum.

The standing committee on Leave of Absence reported the following persons, requesting that they be excused at the hour noted:

From the meeting of Presbytery Ministers B. F. Hall, Walter H. Goodman, Jr., F. T. Reid, William Hood; at 1:00, M. C. MacQueen; at 2:00, H. J. Kaylor, E. D. Witherspoon, William Crowe, Jr. and P. H. Gwynn, and Ruling Elder W. L. Marks; at 2:30 p.m. Elder W. M. Boice; at 3:00 P.M. Ministers F. C. Hutcheson, J. W. Miller, C. C. Myers, and Ruling Elders P. H. Myers, D. D. Clark and J. F. Davis.

The committee on Place of Next Meeting recommended that the matter be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk since no invitation had been received.

The committee on Resolutions made the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery express its deep appreciation to Elder Raymond Marshall for his efforts to make this meeting of Presbytery possible, and our thanks to the Jacksonville church, especially to Mrs. Dan Bright and her committee for the fine meal and gracious hospitality.

2. We would express our appreciation to, and prayers for Miss Jane Chamblee and Rev. Milton Faust for their work with us, and for coming to us today.

3. We express our appreciation to our retiring Moderator Dr. Frank Haasis for his inspiring message to us and for the fine job he did as Moderator.

4. We express our appreciation to Chaplain M. W. Graham for his work in behalf of this meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery rescinded the action giving the Commission on the Minister and His Work authority to dissolve pastorates and to grant letters of dismissal to ministers who have accepted calls to other churches.

The Presbytery authorized its trustees to transfer the property now held by them for the use of the Webb Memorial Presbyterian church of Morehead City to the Trustees of the Webb Memorial Presbyterian Church of Morehead City when the congregation requests the transfer.

The Rev. W. B. Hood was nominated as moderator of the January meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned to meet at the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian church of Wilmington, Tuesday, October 28th at 2:00 P.M.

The closing prayer was by the Rev. R. L. McBath.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk.

The Presbytery of Wilmington met in an adjourned session in the St. Andrews-Covenant church, Wilmington, N. C., on Tuesday, October 27, 1953, for the purpose of studying the proposed plan for the union of the Presbyterian church U.S.A., The United Presbyterian church, and the Presbyterian church, U.S., and making recommendations to the committee on cooperation and union.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, and was constituted with prayer led by Rev. J. W. Miller.

Rev. W. Priestley Conyers III, chairman of the committee appointed to promote the study of the proposed plan of union, made the report for his committee and led the discussion of the proposed plan.

The Presbytery adopted six recommendations and authorized the Stated Clerk to transmit these to the Rev. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly to be transmitted by him to the Committee on Cooperation and Union.

The Recommendations:

1. That questions 1 and 2 in the Directory of Worship of the Presbyterian church U.S. (Paragraph 356,) be substituted for questions 1 and 2, Chapter 8, page 95, The Plan providing for the Union.

2. That the Plan providing for Union, provide that "the deacons shall handle the business affairs of the local church under the control of the Session, and that Trustees hold property." (This recommendation would provide for the functions of Deacons and Trustees to be the same in the united church as they are present in the Presbyterian church U.S.)

3. In chapter 11, paragraph 9, line 6, page 122 of the Proposed Plan for Union, insert the word "ordinarily," thus causing the sentence to read: "It shall ordinarily be the practice of the Session to open and close its meetings with prayer."

4. In Chapter 12, paragraph 14, page 126, line 3, substitute "shall" for may, causing the statement to read: "he shall perform all the offices of a pastor . . . ."

5. In chapter 17, paragraph 5, line 3, page 137, Plan Providing for Union substitute the word "Session" for the words "the moderator of the Session."

6. That the Committee on Cooperation and Union give serious consideration to the provision of Regional Synods and if practicable incorporate the provision in the Proposed Plan for Union.

The Minutes of the meeting were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. William Hood.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

DIRECTORY

Moderator: July meeting, Ruling Elder Dr. Frank A. Haasis, October meeting, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker.

Stated Clerk, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Rev. L. A. Taylor

Permanent Clerk, Rev. S. M. Houck.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Joshua S. James, James H. Clark, Walter P. Sprunt.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1955—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, 1956—Rev. M. C. MacQueen.

TRUSTEES OF PEACE COLLEGE

1955—Rev. William Hood, 1956—Rev. William Crowe, Jr.

TRUSTEES OF FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

1954—Rev. William Crowe, Jr., James H. Clark, Mrs. G. O. Rogers, Rev. L. A. Taylor.
1955—Rev. D. A. Bowles, E. L. Derrick, D. M. Calhoun, Dallas Herring
1956—Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. J. W. Miller, J. A. Love, Dr. W. C. Mebane.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Rev. Norman P. Farrior, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Mrs. John Farrior, Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt, Miss Catherine Calhoun, Mr. Dallas Herring, Mr. Frank S. Wilson, Mr. H. E. Latham, Mr. Hugh Oosterwyk, Mr. H. M. Dickens.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Chairman

1954—Mr. A. E. Gibson, Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Rev. E. D. Witherspoon.
1955—Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Rev. B. Frank Hall, Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, Mr. Hugh Johnson.
1956—Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Rev. W. Priestley Conyers III, Mr. L. B. Huie, Mrs. N. B. Boney.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Chairman

1954—Rev. J. C. McCann, Rev. Norman H. Flowers, Rev. J. T. Hayter, Mr. Frank S. Wilson, Mrs. John Council.
1955—Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Rev. Wade H. Allison, Rev. Robert L. McBath, Mrs. D. D. Clark.
1956—Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Rev. James Nisbet, Rev. J. W. Ware, Mr. Algie Sutton, Mrs. Franklin Jones.

WORLD MISSIONS

Rev. Norman P. Farrior, Chairman

1954—Rev. Lardner C. Moore.
1955—Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor, Mr. W. A. Patterson.
1956—Rev. Norman P. Farrior, Mr. D. M. Calhoun.

Annuities and Relief

Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Chairman

1954—Rev. J. D. Withrow.
1955—Rev. W. F. F. Little, Mr. A. L. Cavenaugh.
1956—Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Mr. H. M. Johnson.

HOMES

Rev. J. D. Withrow, Chairman

1954—Rev. J. C. McCann, Mr. Durham Grady.
1955—Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Mrs. P. R. Smith.
1956—Rev. J. D. Withrow, Mr. D. A. Boyette.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Rev. B. E. Dotson, Chairman

Area 1—Rev. B. E. Dotson (56), Rev. Walter H. Goodman (55), Rev. W. F. F. Little (54).
Area 2—Rev. S. M. Houck (56), Rev. B. Frank Hall (55), Rev. William Crowe, Jr. (54).
Area 3—Rev. F. C. Hutcheson (56), Rev. Robert L. McBath (55), Rev. J. W. Miller (54).

AUDITS

1956—W. E. Perdew, R. C. Platt, Jr., Jordan Sloan.

RECORDS

1956—Rev. Thos. B. Ruff, 1955—Mr. W. M. Dickson, 1954—Rev. Taylor Bird.

ASSEMBLY'S CAUSES

1956—Rev. F. T. Read, 1955—Rev. J. T. Hayter, 1954—Rev. J. W. Miller

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

1956—Rev. Jack W. Ware, 1955—Rev. Geo. W. Doherty, 1954—Mr. E. L. Derrick.

EXAMINATIONS

Theology—1956—Dr. Price H. Gwynn, 1955—Dr. B. Frank Hall.
Experimental Religion—1956—Rev. B. E. Dotson, 1955—Rev. M. C. MacQueen.
Sacraments and Church Government—1955—Rev. M. J. McChesney, 1954—Rev. J. M. Waggett.
English Bible—1956—Rev. W. Priestley Conyers III, 1955—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon.
Academic Studies—1954—Rev. Robert L. McBath, Rev. Neill G. Stevens.

NOMINATIONS

1954—Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr., Rev. J. W. Miller, Rev. M. J. McChesney, Rev. J. M. Waggett, Col. George Beatty, Mr. H. M. Leaman.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1956—Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Dr. W. C. Mebane.
1955—Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Rev. N. P. Farrior.
1954—Rev. Robert L. McBath, Mr. W. M. Boice.

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MINISTERS

(Listed in the order in which they were received)

1—P. L. Clark
2—J. L. Fairly
3—C. C. Myers
4—D. L. Williamson
5—J. W. Miller
6—J. S. Crowley
7—M. C. MacQueen
8—E. B. Carr
9—B. E. Dotson
10—N. P. Farrior
11—W. H. Allison
12—F. M. Thompson
13—E. D. Witherspoon
14—L. A. Taylor
15—W. B. Hood
16—J. D. Withrow
17—F. W. Lewis
18—W. H. Goodman
19—B. F. Hall
20—M. G. Stimson
21—W. P. Conyers III
22—Neill G. Stevens
23—R. L. McBath
24—W. F. F. Little
25—J. W. Ware
26—J. T. Hayter
27—J. A. Nisbet
28—L. C. Tucker
29—S. M. Houck
30—M. J. McChesney
31—Price H. Gwynn
32—T. B. Ruff
33—Preston C. Oliver
34—S. N. Thomas
35—F. C. Hutcheson
36—J. C. McCann
37—H. J. Kaylor
38—T. O. Bird
39—G. W. Doherty
40—N. H. Flowers
41—L. C. Moore
42—C. L. Kirby
43—G. B. Williams, Jr.
44—J. F. Clark
45—C. W. Worth
46—John Steele
47—John S. Walkup

CHURCHES

Name, Year Organized

Acme, 1892
Antioch, 1925
Ashwood, 1922
Baker, 1934
Bethany, 1944
Beth Car, 1819
Bethel, 1924
Beulaville, 1917
Black River, 1740
Bladenboro, 1889
Bowden, 1905
Brunswick, 1947
Burgaw, 1879
Calypso, 1903
Cape Fear, 1944
Carolina Beach, 1943
Caswell, 1858
Chadbourn, 1897
Chapel on Boardwalk, 1952
Chinquapin, 1884
Clarkton, 1795
Croatan, 1884
Currie, 1914
Delgado, 1916
Elizabethtown, 1834
Elkton, 1917
Faison, 1857
Graves Mem., 1838
Grove, 1736
Hallsville, 1900
Harmony, 1887
Harper-South'd, 1945
Hebron, 1886
Holly Grove, 1914
Hopewell, 1800
Immanuel, 1895
Jacksonville, 1911
Lake Waccamaw, 1921
Maple Hill, 1887
McClure Mem., 1940
Mt. Horeb, 1843
Mt. Olive, 1878
Mt. Williams, 1845
Mt. Zion, 1858
Myrtle Grove, 1944
New Hope, 1889
Oakdale, 1933
Oak Grove, 1952
Oak Plains, 1859
Page's Mill, 1946
Pearsall Mem., 1914
Pike, 1856
Pineland, 1953
Pink Hill, 1917
Pleasant View, 1924
Pollocksville, 1868
Potts Mem., 1945
Rockfish, 1756
Rocky Point, 1922
St. Andrews, 1858
Ch. of Covenant, 1918
Merged—1944
Smith, 1895
Southport, 1902
South River, 1796
Stanford, 1892
Stafford Mem., 1951
Tabor City, 1944
Teachey, 1902
Topsail, 1871
Trinity, 1954
Wallace, 1884
Warsaw, 1884
Webb Mem., 1929
Westminster, 1920
Westminster (Wilmington), 1954
White Plains, 1850
Whiteville First, 1869
Wildwood, 1898
Willard, 1915
Wilmington First, 1817
Winter Park, 1913
Woodburn, 1924

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Wilbur M. Boice, Eugene Davis, Clifton E. Dickson, James F. Miller, Richard F. Perkins, George M. Powell, Eugene D. Witherspoon, Archie Faires.

STATED SESSION

The 185th stated session of the Presbytery of Wilmington convened in the Mount Olive Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, January 19, 1954, at 10:00 A.M. Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, the Moderator, conducted a worship service and preached a sermon from the text: Genesis 11-4, using as his theme "Pride." Following the sermon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed with the Rev. G. W. Doherty and the Rev. Lardner C. Moore, Jr., presiding.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator. The roll was called and the following ministers were enrolled:

W. H. Allison, T. O. Byrd, Fitzhugh Clark, P. L. Clark, W. P. Conyers III, Wm. Crowe, Jr., J. S. Crowley, G. W. Doherty, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, N. H. Flowers, W. H. Goodman, Jr., J. T. Hayter, W. B. Hood, S. M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, H. J. Kaylor, C. L. Kirby, W. F. F. Little, L. C. Moore, Jr., M. C. MacQueen, R. L. McBath, J. C. McCann, M. J. McChesney, J. W. Miller, C. C. Myers, J. A. Nisbet, T. B. Ruff, N. G. Stevens, M. G. Stimson, L. A. Taylor, S. N. Thomas, L. C. Tucker, J. W. Ware, G. B. Williams, E. D. Witherspoon, J. D. Withrow.

The following churches were enrolled by their representatives:

Ashwood, C. L. Braddy; Baker, Albert Cox; Beth Car, P. H. Myers; Bethel, A. R. Wood; Beulaville, Maurice Jackson; Black River, E. W. Reeves; Bladenboro, Sprunt Hall; Brunswick, J. P. Dozier; Burgaw, J. S. Dickson; Carolina Beach, Frank A. Robbins; Caswell, Smith Pridgen; Chadbourn, J. M. Jackson; Chapel on Boardwalk, McCray Root; Chinquapin, John Hollingsworth; Croatan, C. L. Hughes; Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Elizabethtown, J. K. Clark; Faison, J. B. Stroud, Jr.; Graves Memorial, P. S. Carr; Grove, L. H. Williams; Hallsville, J. D. Evans; Harmony, A. H. Spence; Hopewell, J. S. Newkirk; Immanuel, H. J. Farrar; Jacksonville, Raymond Marshall; McClure Memorial, A. F. Wells; Mt. Horeb, Homer Munroe; Mt. Olive, Tom McGee; Mt. Williams, R. A. Thigpen; Mt. Zion, H. E. Latham; Myrtle Grove, Travis Gurganious; Oak Grove, J. W. Vogels; Oak Plains, L. W. Newkirk; Pearsall Memorial, P. R. Jordan, Sr.; Pike Creek, Wiley Batson; Pineland, J. E. Hubbard; Pleasant View, Durham Grady; Pollocksville, H. A. Parker; Potts Memorial, D. C. Murphy; Rocky Point, H. L. Webb; St. Andrews Covenant, A. R. Urquhart; Smith, R. W. Wallace; Stafford Memorial, P. S. Cromartie; Stanford, H. C. Brogden; Teachey, C. C. MacMillan; Topsail, J. G. Thomas; Trinity, G. E. Wasson; Wallace, E. W. Farrior; Webb Memorial, H. L. Joslyn; Westminster, W. M. Boice; Whiteville, 1st., W. G. Prevatte; Wildwood, J. G. Murdock; Willard, C. R. Dillard; Wilmington, 1st., B. B. Reynolds; Woodburn, R. M. Meeks.

A Quorum was present and Presbytery was constituted by prayer. The Rev. W. B. Hood, of Wallace, was elected Moderator.

Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson, of Fayetteville Presbytery was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Mrs. John Farrior, President of the Women of the Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery, and welcomed to this meeting.

Elders representing their sessions for the first time were introduced to the Presbytery and welcomed by the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk presented a docket to Presbytery which was amended and adopted.

The following communications were read and actions taken as noted:

A letter of dismissal for the Rev. Charles Worth from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, to the committee on Examinations.

A letter of thanks from Dr. E. E. Gillespie for the check sent by Presbytery to the William Black Home, received as information.

A request from the Rev. D. A. Bowles for a letter of dismissal to New Hanover Presbytery was granted.

The resignation of Mr. Joshua S. James as a Trustee of Presbytery was accepted, and the Stated Clerk was requested to write a letter of thanks to Mr. James for his services to the Presbytery.

A request from the Session of the Willard Church for a transfer of the title to the church property from the Trustees of Presbytery to the Trustees of the church was granted, and the Trustees of Presbytery were authorized to make the transfer.

A proposed lease on property owned by Presbytery in Havelock, from the Cherry Point Motor Company, was referred to the Home Missions committee.

The committee on Educational Institutions made its report. Pending adoption of the report, Presbytery heard Dr. Marshall S. Woodson, President of Flora Macdonald College, relative to the financial campaign now in progress. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

During the past church year of 9 months the campaign for funds for Flora Macdonald College has been conducted. We are to be given a description of the results of that campaign by the president of the college, Dr. Marshall Woodson, at this meeting of the Presbytery. The campaign has met an unusual response on the part of the public. For the first time this college has made an important place for itself in the thinking of the people in the immediate area of the city of Wilmington.

We wish to report that the college campaign has not only raised funds for the college but that it has made the importance of this in-

stitution known to large numbers of people and many of them have been convinced sufficiently to make them ready patrons of the college in the years to come.

It is our understanding that Peace College is preparing to conduct a canvass for funds during the current year and it is to be hoped that this campaign will have the same quality of support from Presbyterian leaders that has been enjoyed by Flora Macdonald College and some time ago by Union Seminary. Undoubtedly people are becoming aware of the great value of these institutions.

We regret to record the fact of the death of Miss Lucy Steele, professor of Bible at Peace College. Miss Steele was killed in an automobile accident, Monday night, January 11. Miss Steele was probably the leading woman in the state of North Carolina. Her influence was very wide spread. Her death is one of the worst sorrows that could come to the college that she served. It seems fitting that this report should include an expression of sympathy to the institution.

While there are other matters of interest in connection with educational institutions, it seems unwise to make written reports of this kind too detailed and only to report those outstanding circumstances which demand being made a matter of record.

WILLIAM CROWE, JR.,
Chairman

A request from the Rev J. M. Waggett that the Pastoral relations between himself and the Southport and New Hope churches be dissolved was granted, and the Rev. Mr. Waggett was granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Athens, in the Synod of Georgia.

Rev. Priestley Conyers III, Chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work, presented Mrs. John Farrior, President of the Women of Wilmington Presbytery, who made her annual report on Women's Work in the Presbytery. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Mrs. John Farrior, President

This report is made with thanksgiving to God for His strength and power; and the faith, hope, and love manifested in the lives of the more than 4500 Women of the Church of Wilmington Presbytery. We are happy to report the reorganization of Bethel and a new organization at Pineland which brings our total organized groups to 72. Through the efforts of the Chairman of Spiritual Growth, Elkton, Maple Hill, Mt. Williams, Hebron, and Antioch have contact women who receive materials for Bible study from the Board of Women's Work. Only Bladenboro and Page's Mill are without any contact with the Women's work.

At the annual meeting April, 1953 the Women of the Church adopted a recommendation that the regular percentage for World

Missions of the benevolent budget be sent undesignated to the Board of World Missions. Previously the Kiangyin Christian Hospital had been their sole and definite objective on the foreign field. During World War II when no funds could go into China, the contributions accumulated and were placed on deposit with the Board of World Missions at 3% interest. When the Communists took China, the work was closed indefinitely. At the beginning of the church year there was a balance of $11,231.12 of which $9,000.00 has been allocated for a Dispensary at the Bulape Station in the Belgian Congo. Mr. Hearn, treasurer, reports a balance including $260.28 interest for the nine months year of $2,828.68.

An offering of $1,800.20 was received for the Birthday Objective which was Furlough Homes for missionaries. This amount was an increase of $205.21 over last year.

There was a record attendance of 21 at the Eighth Annual Training School at Peace College. Also 21 attended the Montreat Women's Training School. Many local groups sent Negro women to the Negro Women's Conference in Winston-Salem. The results are most gratifying as these capable and consecrated women informed and inspired return to help their own race in their local communities. Many young people were helped financially and encouraged to attend their Conferences.

White Cross quota for supplies for three hospitals in Africa was met and $227.15 contributed. After transportation charges the balance in cash was turned over to the Board of World Missions for hospital equipment and supplies.

In the fall seven District Conferences were held with a total attendance of 627, and an offering of $367.73 to increase the $1,500 principal of the Flora Macdonald Scholarship Fund. Rev. M. C. MacQueen brought inspirational messages to six of the Conferences and the Rev. F. T. Read to the Conference for Evening Circles. The offering for District 1 of which Mrs. John E. Evans is chairman was designated as a memorial to Mrs. Mildred Evans Robinson. Through special contributions by the Women of the Church of Clinton, Burgaw, Rockfish, Pink Hill, Potts Memorial, and Hallsville the total offering was increased to $500 giving a principal of $2,000 invested at 5%. This will provide an annual scholarship of $100 for a student from Wilmington Presbytery.

Reports show spiritual growth by increased interest and participation in prayer, Bible study, visitation evangelism, tithing and leadership training.

The services rendered through local community work, overseas relief, and interchurch aid are too numerous and vast to list.

It has been a fruitful year and thrilling progress has been made by our women. Yet there abides a deep concern for limitations which indifference sets upon our Kingdom service. We are not fully accepting our personal responsibility for witnessing and hundreds remain unenlisted for Christ in our Presbytery. Many of our churches do not accept their proportionate share of the work or the budget asked by Presbytery and Synod; thereby failing to fulfill the commission, "Ye shall be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem . . . and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The praying hands of our women reach up to God for renewed strength and out to you for support and cooperation in our common task.

The report of the Treasurer of the funds of Presbytery made his report. The papers were admitted to record, and the treasurer's books ordered turned over to the committee on audits for study.

See Report of Committee on Audits page 23.

The Rev. B. E. Dotson made announcements to Presbytery relative to the Conference on Evangelism to be held in Raleigh, February 17-18 and urged as many of the churches as possible to send Pastors, laymen and women to the conference.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

Leave of Absence: Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr., Rev. G. W. Doherty and Ruling Elder E. W. Farrior.

Place of Next Meeting: Rev. M. G. Stimson, Rev. L. C. Moore, Jr., and Ruling Elder Maurice Jackson.

Resolutions of Thanks: Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, Rev. M. J. McChesney, and Ruling Elder Sprunt Hall.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS

The minutes of the commission to Ordain the Rev. Charles Kirby and install him as Pastor of the Black River, Stafford Memorial, Harmony, and Caswell churches were read and admitted to record.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF REV. CHAS. KIRBY

The commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to ordain the Rev. Charles L. Kirby and install him as pastor of the Stafford Memorial, Harmony, Caswell, and Black River Presbyterian Churches, met at the Black River Church, on Sunday, October 25, 1953, at 7:00 p.m.

The Rev. Samuel N. Thomas was chairman of the commission and James H. Clark was appointed clerk.

The meeting of the commission was opened with prayer by Rev. R. L. McBath.

Present were: J. W. Miller, R. L. McBath, and Samuel N. Thomas, Ministers; James H. Clark, Ruling Elder.

The commission was duly organized and then adjourned to the Sanctuary of the church and engaged with the congregations in a service of worship.

There were members present from each of the churches, as above named.

The Rev. Samuel N. Thomas presided, and gave the Invocation after which Rev. R. L. McBath preached the sermon, on the subject: "Life's Inventories", Luke 17:1-10.

The constitutional questions to the pastor and the congregations were propounded by Mr. Thomas. These being answered in the af-

firmative, the Rev. Mr. Kirby was ordained by the laying on of hands, then installed as pastor of the above named group of churches, agreeable to the Word of God and the Book of Church Order. A charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. J. M. Miller and to the congregation by James H. Clark.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly installed pastor, after which the members of the congregations gave him the right hand of fellowship.

The commission reconvened, the minutes were read and approved and the commission adjourned with prayer by Rev. Samuel N. Thomas.

JAMES H. CLARK,
Clerk of the Commission

The minutes of the commission to organize the church at Havelock were read and admitted to record and are as follows:

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE A CHURCH IN HAVELOCK, N. C.

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery to organize a church in Havelock, N. C., met in the school house in Havelock on Sunday, December 6, 1953, at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Ministers—W. Priestley Conyers III, M. C. MacQueen, William B. Hood, L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elders—D. Cordova, H. L. Joslyn, J. W. Kellogg, James Murdock. The meeting was called to order and constituted with prayer by L. A. Taylor. Parts were assigned as follows: To Preside, Read the Covenant, and Constitute the Church—Rev. W. Priestley Conyers III; To Preach the Sermon—Rev. M. C. MacQueen; To lead the Prayers—Rev. William B. Hood and Rev. L. A. Taylor; To serve as Clerk—Rev. L. A. Taylor.

Rev. W. Priestley Conyers III presented to the Commission a Letter of Dismissal from the Webb Memorial church of Morehead City for the following persons: Mr. and Mrs. S. Clyde Baker, Mr. Roger Block, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Brueggestrass, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson Cathey, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lamar Champion, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Cieszco, Mr. H. V. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin S. Edmundson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Foltz, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hardison, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hart, Mrs. Pearl C. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Isenhour, Mrs. John T. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. King, Mrs. P. T. Kunenetz, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lentz, Mr. R. Sydney Lentz, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Lyle, Mrs. Norman Mills, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McClimon, Miss Anne McClimon, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McLellan, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Allen P. Olmstead, Mr. and Mrs. James Payette, Mr. and Mrs. Troy H. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Robinson, Mrs. Eugene Rudd, Mrs. Inez Temple, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Todd, Mrs. K. V. Wainwright, Mrs. E. A. Wargin, Mrs. G. E. Wasson, Mrs. Eric L. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wise.

The following persons, for whom letters of transfer have been requested met with the Commission, were examined and received on reaffirmation of faith pending the taking of the vows before the congregation: Mr. Robert Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moore, Mr. and

Mrs. Otto Moore, Mrs. James R. O'Mara, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Preston, Mrs. B. K. Shaw, Mrs. George B. Williams, Jr.

Mr. G. E. Wasson appeared before the Commission, was examined and received into membership pending his public profession of faith and Baptism.

The Commission adjourned to the school auditorium for the services. Each member of the Commission discharged his assigned part in the service. By invitation of the Commission, Rev. George B. Williams received the persons who became members of the church by reaffirmation of faith and also by confession of faith and baptism.

By previous action of the people, the church was constituted as The Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Following the Constitution of the Church, Rev. George B. Williams was extended a call for his pastoral services. He announced his desire to accept the call pending his reception into membership in the Presbytery, and pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved the minutes and adjourned with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR,
Clerk of the Commission

The minutes of the Commission to install the Rev. George B. Williams as Pastor of the Trinity Church at Havelock were read, and admitted to record and are as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. GEORGE B. WILLIAMS, JR.

The Commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to install the Rev. George B. Williams, Jr., as pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church met in the Graham Barden Elementary School, Havelock, at 7:15 p.m., on January 3, 1954. Members present were Rev. J. A. Nisbet, Rev. W. P. Conyers III, Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Rev. L. A. Taylor, and Ruling Elder H. L. Joslyn.

The Commission was called to order by the Rev. L. A. Taylor and opened with prayer. Rev. J. A. Nisbet was elected to serve as clerk. The parts were assigned and the Commission retired to the School Auditorium for the service which followed.

The Rev. J. A. Nisbet presided over the service and propounded the constitutional questions. The Rev. W. P. Conyers III preached the sermon. Ruling Elder H. L. Joslyn delivered the installation prayer. The Rev. M. C. Macqueen delivered the charge to the Minister and The Rev. L. A. Taylor delivered the charge to the congregation. The Rev. George B. Williams, Jr., pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened and the minutes were read and approved.

The Commission was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. L. A. Taylor.

J. A. NISBET,
Clerk of the Commission

The Nominating committee made a supplemental report which was adopted as follows:

Mr. Rufus Marks to replace the Rev. D. A. Bowles as Trustee of Flora Macdonald College;

Rev. G. B. Williams to replace Rev. F. T. Reid on the committee on Special Causes;

Mr. Kyle Bannerman to replace Mr. Joshua S. James as Trustee of Presbytery.

A letter of dismissal for the Rev. Charles Worth from the Presbytery of Fayetteville was read, and Mr. Worth was admitted to examination. In view of the fact that Mr. Worth was ordained by Wilmington Presbytery, and had been a member of the Presbytery until 1947, the examination on Experimental Religion, Views on Theology and Church Government and the Sacraments were waived, and Presbytery accepted a statement from Mr. Worth that his views had not changed in any substantial way as sufficient.

Mr. Worth was received into Presbytery upon his signing of the Ministers obligations.

A call for the pastoral services of Mr. Worth from the First Presbyterian Church of Whiteville was read, found in order and placed in his hands. Mr. Worth signified his acceptance of the call, and the following Commission was appointed to install him as Pastor of that church:

Ministers: L. A. Taylor, B. F. Hall, F. C. Hutcheson, and M. C. MacQueen.

Elders: Clarence Clark, W. E. Miller and Jack Council.

Time: January 31, 8:00 p.m.

Proposed changes in the Manual of Presbytery were read, and adopted, and the manual was ordered printed in pamphlet form for the ready use of Presbytery.

The proposed changes in the Book of Church order and the Confession of Faith were considered and Presbytery approved the following changes:

Amendment to paragraph	70
Amendment to paragraph	303
Amendment to paragraph	363
Amendment to paragraph	109
Amendment to paragraphs	339-346
Amendment to paragraph	118
Amendment to paragraph	139
Amendment to paragraph	74

The vote on these amendments being 25 for the changes, 18 against. Presbytery approved amendments to paragraph 154 by a vote of 46 to 6. The Proposed Amendment to the Confession of Faith, chapter XXVI, and to Paragraphs 376 A-D in the Book of Church Order, were disapproved 46 against the amendments and 20 for.

The following overture was adopted:

"The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to appoint a committee of Theologians and Biblical Scholars from the faculties of our Seminaries to make a thorough study of the Scriptural teachings on the subject of Divorce and Remarriage."

The Commission to install the Rev. J. Fitzhugh Clark as Pastor of the Rocky Point, Pike and Currie churches was appointed as follows:

Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. S. M. Houck, Rev. P. L. Clark, and Elders A. W. Rhodes, H. C. Walker and Thomas Sidbury. The service to be held at the Rocky Point Church, January 31, 11:00 a.m.

A petition from the Princess Place Chapel of the St. Andrews Covenant Church to be organized into the Westminster Presbyterian Church was presented to Presbytery by the Rev. H. J. Kaylor, associate minister of the St. Andrews Covenant Church.

The petition was granted and the following Commission was appointed to effect the organization of the church:

Ministers: E. D. Witherspoon, L. C. Tucker, L. A. Taylor and H. J. Kaylor.

Ruling Elders: C. B. Case and W. E. Starnes.

The organization to be effected January 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. H. J. Kaylor was appointed supply pastor until such time as he is called and installed as Pastor.

PRINCESS PLACE CHAPEL—WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

To the Presbytery of Wilmington, in session at Mt. Olive, N. C.:

We, the undersigned residents of Wilmington, North Carolina, desire to be constituted a church of the Presbytery of Wilmington:

Mrs. H. W. Winkle, Mrs. J. Kyle Bannerman, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Parrish, Jr., Mrs. C. L. Long, Clifton Long, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Poteat, Mrs. Jane Murray, H. W. Winkle, Harold A. Williams, Van. A. Moore, Jr., Billy Parrish, Mrs. W. W. Glisson, Mr. W. W. Glisson, Mr. Lonnie P. Dennis, Lawrence L. Murray, Mr. J. A. Poteat, Mrs. Lonnie Dennis, Kay Frances Tompkins, Shirley Tompkins, Mrs. M. J. Sautter, and Judith Lynn Kaylor;

Faye Woodcock, Judy Kerr, Barbara Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown, Jr., W. E. Brown, Mrs. Frank Cottle, Mrs. Jesse Bryan, Mr. Jesse Bryan, P. R. Dodd, Mrs. P. R. Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Alley, Mrs. Howard E. Edgerton, Mr. Howard E. Edgerton, Mrs. James D. Salmon, Mr. James D. Salmon, V. A. Moore, Mrs. J. A. Kaylor, Mr. J. F. Parrish, Mrs. J. F. Parrish, and Peggy Parrish;

Joseph H. Carter, Mrs. J. H. Carter, Joan Carter, Doreen Carter, Mrs. C. W. Futch, James L. Gorman, Frances M. Malloy, Mrs. James L. Gorman, W. E. Starnes, Geretta Starnes, Ernest J. Alford, Mrs. E. J. Alford, Edward Brown, Jimmy Gorman, Mrs. Rachel Moore, Miss Sheri Ricks, Mrs. Jesse Willis, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hannah, Mrs. H. A. Williams, Mrs. S. C. Gore, and Iris Gore;

C. L. Long, Sr., J. W. Willis, Mrs. Edith Walters, Miss Jane Walters, Mr. James R. Walters, Mrs. H. W. Alexander, H. W. Alexander, C. W. Wilson, J. K. Bannerman, Kenneth B. Alexander, Billie Alford, Daniel Alford, W. K. Flake, Mrs. Nancy M. Flake, Mrs. O. V. Thompson, Mrs. Harold E. Lane, Mr. H. E. Lane, Jean A. Wilson, Thomas R. Wilson, Mrs. Charles Wilson, and Mrs. Doreen Cumming;

Charles Cumming, Norma Cumming, Juana Fay Cumming, Mrs. Edna Teachey, Mrs. J. D. Clark, Virginia Clark, J. D. Clark, Clarence J. Pugh, Mrs. Hubert J. Kaylor, Louis V. Swann, Mrs. W. E. Thompson, W. E. Thompson, Mrs. A. R. Farmer, A. R. Farmer, Aubrey T. Teachey, Mrs. J. C. Saunders, Mrs. Dolly Bennett, Miss Juanita Saunders, and Mrs. F. M. Malloy.

The following were elected Commissioners to the meeting of General Assembly:

Ministers: Principals—M. C. MacQueen, L. C. Tucker, J. W. Miller; Alternates—J. W. Ware, S. M. Houck, M. J. McChesney.

Elders: Principals—Dallas Herring, W. M. Dickson, H. L. Joslyn; Alternates—W. C. Scoggins, L. H. Williams, J. A. Sloan.

Presbytery resolved itself into a committee of the whole to examine the sessional records. Rev. T. B. Ruff explained the purpose of the examination and distributed the record books.

Exceptions to records were noted in the respective books.

The committee stood adjourned and Presbytery resumed its sitting.

A request by the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery asking Presbytery to authorize its Trustees to effect a lease of the lot in Havelock, N. C. when and if requested to do so by the Home Mission Committee was granted.

The standing committee on Leave of Absence made its report which was adopted as follows:

Excuse from this meeting of Presbytery: B. F. Hall, P. H. Gwynn, J. M. Waggett; Excused at 1:00 p.m., C. H. Hughes, at 3:00 p.m., L. C. Tucker, J. W. Miller, J. M. Jackson, L. W. Newkirk, P. H. Myers, John Clark; at 4:30 p.m., E. D. Witherspoon, A. R. Urquhart, H. J. Kaylor, M. C. MacQueen, J. W. Ware, L. C. Moore, Jr., Travis Gurganous, and F. A. Robbins.

The standing committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Wilmington Presbytery is deeply grateful to the Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church for the gracious way in which we have been entertained today. Our appreciation is to the officers for their warm welcome and ushering, to the women of the church for the most delicious meal, and to the whole church for being kind enough to change their plans and work in order that we might meet here. We are grateful to Mrs. John Farrior for coming to us today and for her inspiring report on the

work of the Women of the Presbytery, and would express our appreciation to the Rev. L. C. Tucker, our retiring moderator, for his excellent sermon and a job well done.

We recommend that these resolutions be read to the congregation of the Mt. Olive Church at a regular service.

F. C. HUTCHESON,
Chairman

The Standing Committee on place of next meeting recommended that the place of meeting be left in the hands of the Moderator and the Stated Clerk, and the recommendation was adopted. It is hereby noted that the Beth Carr Church wishes to entertain Presbytery at its July meeting.

Presbytery approved the following Overture to be sent to General Assembly:

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully overtures General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to place a copy of the minutes of General Assembly in the hands of the Clerk of Session of each church within the bounds of our Assembly without charge to the church for this volume.

A request from the Mt. Zion Church for a study of the present grouping of the churches in its field, looking toward a division of the field, was referred to the Council of Presbytery for study.

Ruling Elder A. L. Cavenaugh was nominated Moderator of the next Stated Meeting.

The minutes were read, and approved and Presbytery adjourned with Prayer and the benediction by the Rev. T. O. Bird.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Wilmington met in the Session room of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, Thursday afternoon, February 23, 1954, at 2:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. B. Hood, and opened with prayer by the Rev. N. P. Farrior.

The following ministers were enrolled:

J. A. Nisbet, C. C. Myers, N. P. Farrior, L. C. Tucker, M. G. Stimson, L. A. Taylor, J. S. Crowley, S. N. Thomas, E. D. Witherspoon, M. J. McChesney, H. J. Kaylor, G. H. Doherty, C. L. Kirby, Wm. Crowe, Jr., R. L. McBath, W. B. Hood, L. C. Moore, Jr., P. L. Clarke, B. F. Hall, P. H. Gwynn, Fitzhugh Clark, J. C. McCann, J. W. Ware, T. B. Ruff, J. T. Hayter, F. C. Hutcheson, and S. M. Houck.

The following churches were enrolled by representatives:

Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Wallace, E. W. Farrior; First, Wilmington, B. B. Reynolds; Westminster, Wilmington, W. E. Starnes; and Jacksonville, F. S. Wilson. A quorum was present.

The call for the meeting was read, approved and adopted as the docket for the meeting. The call is as follows:

1. Receive Rev. John Steele and appoint a Commission to install him as pastor of the Jacksonville Church.
2. Dissolve the pastoral relations between Rev. Fitzhugh T. Read and the Lake Waccamaw and Ashwood Churches, and grant to Mr. Read a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of St. Johns.
3. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between Dr. William Crowe, Jr., and the First Church, Wilmington, and grant Dr. Crowe a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Atlanta.
4. Elect a Chairman of the Executive Committee of Church Extension to succeed Dr. Crowe.
5. Appoint a Commission to install Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor as Pastor of Westminster Church, Wilmington, N. C.

A letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of Bethel for the Rev. John S. Steele was read, and Rev. Steele was admitted to examination.

The examination on Experimental religion was conducted by Dr. B. F. Hall and was sustained.

The examination on views in Theology was conducted by Dr. B. F. Hall and was sustained.

The examination on Sacraments and Church government was conducted by Rev. M. J. McChesney and was sustained.

The examination as whole was sustained and Mr. Steele was enrolled a member of Wilmington Presbytery upon his signing of the Minister's obligations.

Commission to install Rev. John S. Steele as Pastor of the Jacksonville Church:

Rev. J. S. Crowley, Rev. J. T. Hayter, Elders F. S. Wilson and Raymond Marshall. Presbytery authorized that Chaplain Malcolm W. Graham and Chaplain S. M. Reynolds of Camp Lejeune be invited to participate in the service. The date, March 14th, at 7:30 P.M.

Commission to install Rev. H. J. Kaylor as Pastor of the Westminster Church (Wilmington):

Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. L. C. Tucker, Rev. J. W. Ware, and Elders H. W. Winkle and Kyle Bannerman.

Time to be March 7, 1954, at 7:30 P.M.

The Pastoral relationship between the Rev. Fitzhugh Read and the Lake Waccamaw and Ashwood Churches was dissolved and Mr. Read was granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of St. Johns in the Synod of Florida.

The Pastoral relationship between Dr. William Crowe and the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington was dissolved and Dr. Crowe was granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Atlanta in the Synod of Georgia. The Stated Clerk was requested to send a letter to the Stated Clerk of the Atlanta Presbytery expressing the esteem in which we hold Dr. Crowe.

E. D. Witherspoon was elected as Chairman of the Committee on Church extension to succeed Dr. Crowe on that committee.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by P. H. Gwynn.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

The Presbytery of Wilmington met in called session at the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, N. C., December 15, 1953, at 1:00 P.M. Moderator L. C. Tucker presided and Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. N. Thomas. The following were enrolled:

Ministers: J. S. Crowley, P. L. Clark, C. C. Myers, J. A. Nisbet, S. N. Thomas, M. C. MacQueen, B. F. Hall, H. J. Kaylor, L. C. Tucker, L. A. Taylor, W. P. Conyers III, J. W. Ware, L. C. Moore, Jr., S. M. Houck, E. D. Witherspoon, J. C. McCann, Wm. Crowe, Jr., N. G. Stevens, R. L. McBath, N. M. Waggett, C. L. Kirby, W. B. Hood, and M. G. Stimson.

Ruling Elders: W. C. Scoggins, W. M. Dickson, T. W. St. George, Melvin Cording and D. R. Johnson.

The call for the meeting of Presbytery was read, and adopted as the docket for the meeting, as follows:

1. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. J. M. Waggett and the Southport and New Hope Churches, and grant him a letter of dismissal.
2. Receive Rev. J. Fitzhugh Clark, and appoint a Commission to install him as pastor of the Rocky Point, Pike and Currie Churches.
3. Receive Rev. George B. Williams, and appoint a Commission to install him as pastor of the Havelock Church.

The request of the Rev. J. M. Waggett that the pastoral relations between himself and the Churches of Southport and New Hope was presented. Representatives of the Churches were heard and both congregations voted to request Presbytery not to concur in the request. After Mr. Waggett had spoken to the matter, Presbytery requested Mr. Waggett to remain as Pastor of these two Churches.

Letters of dismissal for Rev. J. Fitzhugh Clark from the Presbytery of New Orleans and for Rev. George Williams from the Presbytery of Western Texas were read, and Presbytery voted to admit these two ministers to examination.

The examination on experimental religion was conducted by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was sustained.

The examination on views in Theology was conducted by Dr. B. Frank Hall and was sustained.

The examination of Mr. Williams on the Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by the Rev. R. L.

McBath and that of Mr. Clark was conducted by the Rev. J. M. Waggett. Both examinations were sustained.

The examinations as a whole were sustained and Mr. Clark and Mr. Williams were enrolled as members of Wilmington Presbytery after signing the minister's obligations.

A call for the Pastoral services of Mr. Williams from the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Havelock was read, found in order and placed in his hands. He signified acceptance of the call and the following commission was appointed to install him:

Ministers: Revs. L. A. Taylor, M. C. MacQueen, W. Priestley Conyers III, J. A. Nisbet, and Preston C. Oliver. Ruling Elders: H. L. Joslyn and Lee Murdock.

The service to be January 3, 1954 at 7:30 p.m.

Calls for the Pastoral services of Mr. Clark from the Rocky Point, Pike and Currie Churches were read, found in order and placed in his hands. The calls were accepted by him, and the matter of his installation was left to a commission to be appointed at the January meeting of the Presbytery.

Mr. Williams was granted Evangelistic powers by the Presbytery until the stated meeting of the Presbytery in January.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Charles Kirby.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

STATED SESSION

The 186th Stated Session of the Wilmington Presbytery convened at the Topsail Presbyterian Church, Tuesday April 20, 1954 at 10:00 a.m. The worship service was conducted by the Rev. W. B. Hood, Moderator of the Presbytery, assisted by the Rev. T. B. Ruff, Pastor of the host church. The Rev. Mr. Hood preached a sermon using as his text Psalm 42:11.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Ruling Elder McNair Johnson.

The following ministers were enrolled:

W. H. Allison, T. O. Bird, Fitzhugh Clark, W. P. Conyers III, J. S. Crowley, G. W. Doherty, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, N. H. Flowers, W. H. Goodman, Jr., P. H. Gwynn, B. F. Hall, J. T. Hayter, W. B. Hood, S. M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, H. J. Kaylor, C. L. Kirby, M. C. MacQueen, R. L. McBath, J. C. McCann, M. J. McChesney, J. W. Miller, L. C. Moore, Jr., C. C. Myers, J. A. Nisbet, T. B. Ruff, L. A. Taylor, S. N. Thomas, L. C. Tucker, J. W. Ware, G. B. Williams, E. D. Witherspoon and J. S. Steele.

The following churches were enrolled by representatives:

Antioch, Royden Caulk, Jr.; Baker, Granger Tadlock; Bethany, H. B. Rivenbark; Bethel, Jack Lanier; Beulaville, Ray Cupp; Bladenboro, J. F. Davis; Burgaw, T. J. Bradshaw; Calypso, H. B. Kornegay; Carolina Beach, Dan H. Grady; Caswell, A. M. Murphy; Chadbourn, W. D. Thompson; Chapel on the Boardwalk, C. E. Dixon; Chinquapin, William Dail; Clarkton, J. A. Love; Delgado, W. P. Edwards; Elizabethtown, W. M. Flournoy; Graves Memorial, F. B. Johnson; Grove, J. B. Stroud; Harmony, R. E. Pendergras; Hallsville, Ralph Miller; Hopewell, N. B. Murray; Immanuel, A. C. Pate; Jacksonville, John A. Clayton; Maple Hill, S. A. Lanier; McClure Memorial, E. J. Scott; Mt. Horeb, Clark Allen; Mt. Olive, W. H. Kornegay, Sr.; Mt. Zion, D. G. Alderman; Myrtle Grove, T. C. Gurganus; Oak Plains, W. H. Hall; Pearsall Memorial, Paul R. Jordan; Pike, F. S. Sidbury; Pineland, Troy King; Pollocksville, J. H. Bender; Potts Memorial, J. C. Southerland; Rock Fish, J. A. Carr; Rocky Point, H. L. Webb; St. Andrews Covenant, Adolf Oterson; Stafford Memorial, Henry Beatty; Stanford, Ned Roberts; Topsail, Sid R. Howard; Trinity, M. L. McClimon; Wallace, John B. Boney; Warsaw, A. L. Cavenaugh; Webb Memorial, A. M. Lewis; Westminster (Whiteville) Frank A. Newman; Wildwood, Lee A. Murdock; Willard, H. McNair Johnson; Wilmington, 1st., A. E. Gibson; Winter Park, J. T. Barden; Westminster (Wilmington), W. E. Starnes.

A quorum was present and Presbytery elected as Moderator Ruling Elder A. L. Cavenaugh.

The following were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren: Dr. Marshall C. Dendy, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Rich-

mond, Virginia, and Rev. J. S. Walkup, of the Presbytery of Piedmont.

The Stated Clerk presented a docket which was adopted.

The following Communications were presented to the Presbytery:

A request from candidate Eugene Ensley for a transfer to New Hanover Presbytery was granted and the Stated Clerk was instructed to send his dismissal.

A letter of transfer for Rev. J. S. Walkup from the Presbytery of Piedmont was referred to the Committee on Examinations.

A Communication from Rev. Robert B. Porter of Milton, Florida, was referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

The Executive Committee of Christian Education made its annual report which was adopted as follows:

1ST ANNUAL REPORT, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON, APRIL 20, 1954

Your Executive Committee of Christian Education is encouraged because of the evidences of God's guidance and blessing upon the total educational program of our Presbytery over the past year. In every area of responsibility the committee feels the past year has been one of real development in our work.

We point to the increased enrollment figures for our Sunday Schools, the largest number of Daily Vacation Church schools ever held in our Presbytery, the successful Senior High Fellowship conference held at Red Springs, and the various activities of the Youth Council in leading our Senior High school group in growth in knowledge and in service; the pioneer camps and the largest Men of the Church meeting ever held in our Presbytery. All of these statistical evidences point to increased interest in the things which pertain to churchmanship, and they also point to a new dedication of time and talents. For all of these your committee is grateful.

We are encouraged also by the leadership now being given to the various areas of our responsibility by those immediately responsible for them. Rev. J. C. McCann is giving vigorous leadership to the children's work in the Presbytery. Demonstration centers where leaders may go to observe teaching methods and usages are being planned, as is also a newsletter to be sent to the children's work counselors in each local church.

The young peoples division is under the leadership of Rev. M. G. Stimson, and Rev. J. W. Ware. Pioneer Camps are scheduled for June of this summer and the Senior Conference also is scheduled for June. In April the Spring rally of the Senior High fellowship was held with over 350 in attendance and a Pioneer conclave was held with 150 registered pioneers and 30 registered leaders of pioneers. We confidently expect that the inspiration and guidance given in these two meetings will be of valuable assistance in strengthening the work of the Youth in our churches.

The Adult Work of the Presbytery lags somewhat behind the work for children and young people. However, we have for the frist time a Young Adult rally planned for this group in the Presbytery to be held at Pearsall Church, April 25th from 3:00—8:30 P.M. and the Men's Council of the Presbytery is beginning to function with vigor. Rev. J. T. Hayter is the contact person from our committee for Young Adult work, and Rev. N. H. Flowers for Men's Work. We are hopeful that the future will find these areas of work and interest constantly growing in strength to the end that the program of the Church may be undergirded by responsible adult leadership.

Leadership education has also been an important part of the work of your committee. Areas schools have been held in the Presbytery and it is hoped that these, and local schools as well, may be continued during the year ahead. The attendance at the area school in Wilmington was over 200 from 21 churches, in Wallace, 238 from 17 churches. This is an area in which every church ought to develop a continuing program to the end that leadership may be multiplied and encouraged and better prepared for its tasks and opportunities.

We now have 8 candidates for the ministry under the care of Presbytery attending approved institutions of higher learning.

In spite of these things your committee is not complacent. We are aware that the work of Christian Education in Wilmington Presbytery is not completed. We point out to you some of the disturbing factors in our Educational Work.

First of all we would point out that the enrollment on our Church schools far exceeds our average attendance. Last year our churches reported an enrollment of over 10,000 persons in Church schools, but an average attendance of less than 4,500. Somewhere we are losing far too many of those whom we enroll, and even those who come, attend so irregularly, that the work is hampered, and knowledge is at best very imperfect. Your Committee would challenge the Sessions of each church to make a thorough study of the rolls of your church school, with a view to enlisting those who are now at best but marginal members of the school. Perhaps it would be well for our enrollment to drop to a more honest figure, that we might work more diligently to reach the unreached for Christ. Enrollment is not enlistment.

Another matter which is of concern to our committee is the large number of churches which have no organized work for the Children or Young People, and the even larger number of churches that are apparently making no effort to enlist adults in active Christian learning and work. We reported last year from our 80 churches 72 organized groups of women, but only 17 organized groups of men. We reported only 27 Senior High fellowships and only 20 Pioneer fellowships. Six churches reported a second session for Juniors, and 7 reported Young Adult groups. Now we recognize that not every church ought to have every one of these groups, but we feel that the disparity between the number of women's organizations and that for other groups is all together too large. Again we challenge the Sessions of the Churches to make a thorough study of the total program of organization in your church with a view to making the total program effective for all enrolled, to the end that each person may be enlisted for Christ.

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That each church recognize Christian College Day, April 25th, with appropriate announcements and prayers for our Christian Colleges.

2. That Presbytery approve the election of Rev. J. T. Hayter as director of the Pioneer Camps and of Rev. J. W. Ware as director of the Senior High Conference. The dates of these are as follows:

Camps: June 21-26 and June 28—July 3.

Conference: June 14-19 at Flora Macdonald College.

3. That every church in the Presbytery sponsor a Daily Vacation Church school for a period of at least ten sessions, and that leaders be enlisted for these schools at once in order that they may attend an institution for Vacation Church school leaders to be held in Wallace, May 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

4. That the churches of the Presbytery make full use of the services offered to us through Synod's area worker, Miss Jane Chamblee. A list of those services is attached to this report.

5. That each church begin now to promote the Men's convention to be held in New Orleans October 15-17th, and that we seek to have our full quota of 92 men in attendance at that convention.

6. That Presbytery approve the transfer of a sum of $700.00 from the Pioneer Camp fund of the Presbytery to the Treasurer of the Committee. This sum or a part of it as approved by the Executive Committee to be used by the sub-committees of the Christian Education committee for their work for the remainder of this church year, and that Presbytery instruct the Council of Presbytery to study the feasibility of placing this committee in the budget for the years which are ahead.

7. That Presbytery hear Mr. Leslie Boney, Jr., President of the Men of the Presbytery relative to the Men's Convention in New Orleans.

8. That Men's clubs and classes seek out worthy negro youth and defray their expenses to the Conference for Negro Youth to be held at Fayetteville, in June.

9. That Presbytery hear an address by Dr. Marshall C. Dendy, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Chairman Christian Education

Following the adoption of this report Presbytery heard an inspiring address by Dr. Dendy extended its thanks to him for coming to us by a rising vote of thanks.

The Committee on Annuities and Relief made its report which was adopted as follows:

1. For fourteen years the Ministers' Annuity Fund has operated successfully. It has met in full every commitment, and the actuaries and auditors report the fund to be in a good actuarial and financial condition. Benefits paid since the Fund began are:

Annuitants	Since 4/1/40	As of 12/31/53
Ministers-Age	429	236
Ministers-Disability	60	24

Widows	318	278
Orphans	103	55

Total amount paid in benefits 4/1/40 through 12/31/53, $2,038,846.80.

2. The Employees' Annuity Fund, which began to operate on September 1, 1942, had 229 members enrolled on December 31, 1953. Since this Fund began 6 have retired because of age and 3 have retired because of total and permanent disability. One age annuitant returned to active service.

3. During the year 333 homes were aided from the funds of Ministerial Relief: 59 ministers, 245 widows, 16 homes of orphans, 13 non-ministerial workers. This was a decrease of 20 homes from the number aided in the previous year. The amount remitted to the homes of these beneficiaries was $162,525.84. In addition the sum of $134,-740.30 of the funds of Ministerial Relief was used to supplement the inadequate annuities of 299 annuitants. A total of $297,266.14 of Ministerial Relief Funds were remitted during the year to beneficiaries and annuitants with inadequate annuities. The amount granted was at a rate in excess of that of any previous year, but the Board is convinced that it is still not enough to relieve the retired ministers and their dependents of the burdens of the high cost of living.

4. During the year the Board stressed the request of the General Assembly that the church contribute to its work the full percentage of the budgeted benevolence askings, and presented vigorously an appeal for a large Joy Gift Offering in December. Since the major source of income with which the Board carries on its relief work is the Joy Gift, it is urgent that this annual offering be a generous one, if the Board is to have the funds with which to provide the necessities of life for the retired ministers. It is a pleasure to report that total rereceipts for the Relief Work during the year 1953 amounted to $480,-002.17.

5. The General Assembly has asked that 7.60% of the total amount requested for its benevolent work for 1954 be given by the churches to the board of Annuities and Relief. With this modest amount the Board must minister in the name of the Church to all the necessities of over 632 homes of retired ministers. We earnestly urge that all Synods, Presbyteries, and Churches meet in full their requested percentage asking in order that those who served long and well may be freed of needless anxieties in the days of their old age.

6. Acting upon instructions given to it by the General Assembly, the Board has presented to the Church a Group Insurance Plan for the protection of its full-time salaried personnel. While an excellent response has been made to this opportunity for the Church to show appreciation of those who serve her, many others equally deserving have not been included yet. We hope they may be brought in as of July 1, 1954, when the non-medical entrance provision is available again.

7. Please take note of the fact that beginning February 1, 1954, the Board of Annuities and Relief will be located at 341-C Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 5, Georgia.

8. Wilmington Presbytery has two beneficiaries of Ministerial Relief at the present time. Wilmington Presbytery contributed $4,877.73 to Ministerial Relief during the past church year.

RECOMMENDATION

Since it is difficult for the home mission pastor to inform the Board of Annuities and Relief of the sources and amounts paid on his salary without having this information, we move that the executive secretary be asked to inform these pastors on this matter at the beginning of each year, giving the amounts paid by the Presbytery, and Synod, including the manse allowance, in order that the pastor might inform the Board with as few questions arising as possible.

LESLIE C. TUCKER,
Chairman

The Committee on Divorce and Remarriage made its report, which is as follows:

"The Committee had no cases referred to it, and requests all ministers to counsel carefully all couples coming for marriage to prevent divorce and make happy Christian homes."

B. E. DOTSON,
Chairman

The Audits Committee reported by Mr. R. C. Platt, Jr., and presented to Presbytery audits of all funds of the Presbytery. The audited reports is as follows:

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Gentlemen:

Your Auditing Committee has examined the books and records of your Treasurer, Dr. L. A. Taylor, for the period ended December 31, 1953, and presents the following statements of receipts and disbursements:

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT	EXHIBIT "A"
CONTINGENT FUND	EXHIBIT "B"
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE	EXHIBIT "C"
OFFICE OF PRESBYTERY'S ADMINISTRATION	EXHIBIT "D"
CHURCH AND MANSE ASSISTANCE FELLOWSHIP	EXHIBIT "E"

Our examination consisted of tracing receipts as recorded to the depositories, and our verification of disbursements was limited to an inspection of cancelled vouchers drawn on the depositories.

Your committee has made recommendations to the Treasurer, which will facilitate the preparation of reports, and we recommend that one additional member be appointed to our committee for the next two years.

R. C. PLATT, JR., Chairman
WILLIAM E. PERDEW
JORDAN A. SLOAN

TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Period Ended December 31, 1953

EXHIBIT "A"

	Balance Apr. 1, 1953	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1953
World Missions	$	$17,323.65	$17,290.44	$ 33.21
Church Extension		8,588.99	8,619.85	30.86*
Christian Education		3,945.32	3,907.55	37.77
Annuities and Relief		4,806.06	4,877.47	71.41*
General Fund		5,840.01	5,837.29	2.72
Inter-Church Agencies		524.36	526.09	1.73*
Synod's Church Extension		4,804.80	4,800.93	3.87
Educational Institutions		8,562.88	8,645.72	82.84*
Orphans Home		6,741.05	6,738.31	2.74
Religious Education		1,668.27	1,667.18	1.09
Student Work		786.97	786.42	.55
Presbyterian Home		804.54	803.48	1.06
William Black Home		377.64	376.97	.67
Presbytery's Home Missions		15,995.91	15,984.80	11.11
Presbytery's Administration		5,013.65	5,014.42	.77*
Equalization Fund				
1952-53	6,089.12		5,170.00	919.12
1953		6,304.29		6,304.29
Special Gifts				
Birthday Offering		5.00	5.00	
American Leprosy Mission		20.00	20.00	
Mission Court		10.00	10.00	
TOTALS	$ 6,089.12	$92,123.39	$91,081.92	$ 7,130.59

BALANCE, December 31, 1953, Accounted For as Follows:

Peoples Savings Bank and Trust Company—
On Deposit ..... $ 7,130.59

*Denotes Overpayment. It is recommended that adjustments be made in next remittance.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Period Ended December 31, 1953

CONTINGENT FUND—EXHIBIT "B"

BALANCE ON HAND—April 16, 1953		$4,642.61
RECEIPTS:		
Presbytery Churches		3,974.69
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE		$8,617.30
DISBURSEMENTS:		
General Assembly's Assessment	$1,479.40	
Synod's Assessment	530.37	
Allocation to Presbytery's Office	300.00	
Printing	571.30	

Postage and Office Supplies	42.33	
Secretarial Assistance	50.19	
Salary of Permanent Clerk	100.00	
Audit	90.00	
Repairs to Projector	49.35	
Expenses—Commission on Revision of Manual	40.83	
Expenses—Commission on Minister and His Work	19.17	
Expenses—Committee on Nominations	3.23	
Expenses—Committee on Religious Education	36.06	
Vacation Church School Promotion	5.07	
Retreat for Pastors of Presbytery	57.80	
Appropriation—William Black Home Building Fund	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	4.55	
Total Disbursements		4,379.65
BALANCE ON HAND		$4,237.65

UNPAID ASSESSMENTS OF CHURCHES—January 15, 1954	
†Beulaville	$ 34.30
†Faison	67.20
Hebron	5.25
Holly Grove	7.61
Hopewell	.70
†Lake Waccamaw	28.70
Smith	9.95
South River	6.30
TOTAL	$ 160.01

ASSESSMENTS OVERPAID—January 15, 1954	
Bowden	$ 9.60

†These Assessments were paid prior to the January Meeting of Presbytery.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Period Ended December 31, 1953
HOME MISSION COMMITTEE—EXHIBIT "C"

BALANCE ON HAND—April 1, 1953		$ 8,554.86
RECEIPTS		
General Assembly	$ 3,738.23	
Synod	3,508.24	
Presbytery Benevolence Fund	15,984.80	
Equalization Fund	1,500.00	
Contribution—Belk-Beery Company, Inc.	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	1,389.19	
Total Receipts		28,120.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE		$36,675.32

DISBURSEMENTS:			
Pastors' Salaries		$13,115.03	
Advance on Salary to Pastor		154.48	
Appropriation to Pastor for Automobile		300.00	
Expense of Moving Pastors to Fields		1,136.47	
Expenses of Visits of Prospective Pastors		100.92	
Repairs and Maintenance—Churches and Manses		1,225.78	
Rent of Manse for Pastor		127.50	
Insurance on Property		177.57	
Taxes on Property		7.65	
Ministers' Annuity Dues		841.51	
Secretarial Assistance		158.11	
Printing		206.12	
Stamps, Stationery and Office Supplies		101.17	
Home Mission Association		45.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses		19.46	
Payments on Mortgages			
Principal	$1,913.17		
Interest	643.60		
Insurance	208.82	2,765.59	
Repayment of Loan from Contingent Fund		3,000.00	
Grants-in-Aid to Churches		5,100.57	
Transmittal of Gift to Pastor		300.00	
Total Disbursements			28,882.93
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR			$ 7,792.39
BALANCE ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:			
Cash on Hand		$ 2,000.00	
Cash in Bank		5,792.39	$ 7,792.39

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Period Ended December 31, 1953

OFFICE OF PRESBYTERY'S ADMINISTRATION—EXHIBIT "D"

BALANCE ON HAND—April 10, 1953			$1,404.64
RECEIPTS:			
Presbyterian Benevolences		$5,014.42	
Equalization Fund		700.00	
Contingent Fund		300.00	
Total Receipts			6,014.42
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE			$7,419.06
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Salaries			
Executive Secretary		$4,124.98	
Office		108.44	
Bank Exchange on Benevolent Account		37.55	
Travel Allowance		1,049.95	
Telephone and Telegraph		175.42	

Postage	62.83	
Insurance—Group	90.64	
Printing and Office Supplies	49.75	
Annuity Dues	161.85	
Total Disbursements		$5,861.41
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR		$1,557.65
ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:		
Wilmington Savings and Trust Company—		
On Deposit		$1,557.65

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Period Ended December 31, 1953

CHURCH AND MANSE ASSISTANCE FELLOWSHIP—
EXHIBIT "E"

RECEIPTS:		
Response to Call #1		$2,228.95
Response to Call #2		1,564.55
Total Receipts		$3,793.50
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Payments for Retirement of Loan on Riegelwood Manse	$2,228.95	
Bank Charges	6.45	
Total Disbursements		2,235.40
BALANCE ON HAND		$1,558.10

Presbytery extended a vote of thanks to the Committee for its work on this report.

The Committee on Nominations made its report through the Chairman, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr., as follows:

Mr. Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Trustee of Flora Macdonald College
Mr. Addis Cates, Trustee of Peace College
Rev. S. N. Thomas, Committee on Homes
Rev. H. J. Kaylor, Committee on Divorce and Remarriage
Rev. W. Priestley Conyers III, Committee on Nominations
Rev. C. W. Worth, Commission on the Minister and His Work
Rev. N. H. Flowers, Committee on Church Extension

These nominations were elected to fill vacancies on Committees caused by the removal of members from the Presbytery.

The Church Extension Committee, by Chairman E. D. Witherspoon, made the following recommendations which were adopted:

THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE
OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery be authorized to negotiate a loan of $5,000.00 to be used in paying the indebtedness which remains on the property used by the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk.

2. That the Trustees of the Presbytery, Mr. Walter P. Sprunt, Mr. James H. Clark and Mr. J. K. Bannerman, be authorized to give a deed of trust on property owned by the Presbytery to secure the above mentioned loan.

3. That the Trustees of the Presbytery, Mr. Walter P. Sprunt, Mr. James H. Clark and Mr. J. K. Bannerman, be authorized to convey title to the property used by the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk to the Trustees of the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk and their successors in office.

4. That the Sub-Committee on Home Mission, of the Executive Committee of Church Extension, be authorized to borrow up to $4,000.00 from the Board of Church Extension of the General Assembly to be used as a down-payment on a manse for the use of the pastor of Trinity Church, Havelock, N. C., and that Presbytery incur necessary indebtedness to complete the erection of this manse.

5. That Synod's Campaign for Church Extension, be approved, and that Presbytery participate in the campaign of the Synod.

6. That Dr. W. C. Mebane, Chairman Sub Committee on Evangelism, be heard.

The Moderator announced the following standing Committees:

Bills and Overtures: Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. N. H. Flowers and Mr. R. C. Platt, Jr.

Resolution of Thanks: Rev. W. Priestley Conyers III, J. W. Miller and H. McN. Johnson.

Place of Next Meeting: Dr. B. F. Hall, Rev. B. E. Dotson and Rev. A. E. Gibson.

Leave of Absence: W. H. Goodman, J. W. Miller and John B. Boney.

Presbytery recessed for lunch and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. and was led in prayer by Ruling Elder W. E. Starnes.

Dr. W. C. Mebane spoke to the Presbytery concerning Evangelism, and his report was received as information.

The minutes of the Commission to organize the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Wilmington were read and admitted to record as follows:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON TO ORGANIZE THE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

The Commission appointed by the Wilmington Presbytery at its January meeting, to organize the Princess Place Chapel into the Westminster Presbyterian Church, met in the Sunday School room of the Princess Place Chapel January 31, 1954, at 7:15 and was called to order by Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Chairman of the Commission. The meeting was opened with prayer by Ruling Elder C. B. Case and the following members of the Commission were present: Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Dr. L. A. Taylor, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Ruling Elders C. B. Case, W. E. Starnes, and Rev. H. J. Kaylor as alternate to the Commission. Rev. Leslie C. Tucker was elected Clerk of the Commission.

The parts were assigned: Rev. Leslie C. Tucker to lead the opening service and preside over the service, Dr. L. A. Taylor to preach the sermon, Dr. E. D. Witherspoon to Moderate the meeting and Elders Case, Starnes, along with Rev. H. J. Kaylor as alternate, to complete the Commission. The Commission then adjourned to the sanctuary for the service, the service beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The service was as follows:

Choral Call to Worship
The Doxology
The Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Hymn of Praise: No. 4, "Come Thou Almighty King"
Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 1:14-21
The Pastoral Prayer
Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings
Prayer of Dedication
Hymn of Meditation: No. 202, "O Master Let Me Walk"
Sermon: Magnificent Reminders: Dr. L. A. Taylor
Organization of the Westminster Presbyterian Church
Election and Installation of Officers: Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Moderator of the Meeting.
The Call of the Pastor
The Benediction: Rev. H. J. Kaylor

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, before the organization of the church, explained the purpose of the meeting and received the following members into the Church from St. Andrews Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C.:

Alexander, Mr. H. W.; Alexander, Mrs. H. W.; Alexander, Kenneth; Alford, Ernest; Alford, Mrs. Ernest; Alford, Billy; Alford, David; Alley, Mr. Robert C.; Alley, Mrs. Robert C.; Bannerman, Mr. J. K.; Brown, Mr. Wm. T.; Brown, Mrs. Wm. T.; Brown, William Edward; Bryan, Mr. Jesse; Bryan, Mrs. Jesse; Carter, Mr. J. H.; Carter, Mrs. J. H.; Carter, Doreen; Carter, Joan; Clark, Mr. J. D.; Clark, Mrs. J. D.; Cottle, Mrs. Frank; Cummings, Mrs. C. H.; Cummings, Miss Norma; Cummings, Juana Fay; Dodd, Mr. Patrick; Dodd, Mrs. Patrick; Edgerton, Mr. Howard; Edgerton, Mrs. Howard; Farmer, Mrs. A. R.; Farmer, Mr. A. R.; Flake, Mr. W. K.; Flake, Mrs. W. K.; Glisson, Mr. W. W.; Glisson, Mrs. W. W.; Gorman, Mr. C. P.; Gorman,

Mrs. C. P.; Gorman, Mr. J. L.; Gorman, Mrs. J. L.; Gorman, James L., Jr.; Hannah, Mr. L. J., Jr.; Hannah, Mrs. L. J., Jr.; Kaylor, Mrs. H. J.; Kaylor, Mrs. J. A.; Kaylor, Judith; Lane, Mr. Harold; Lewis, Miss Louise; Long, Mr. C. Leo; Long, Mrs. C. Leo; Long, Clifton; Malloy, Mr. Francis M.; Moore, Mr. Van A.; Moore, Mrs. Van A.; Moore, Van Anderson, Jr.; Murray, Mr. Lawrence; Parrish, Mrs. Frank; Parrish, Miss Peggy Frances; Parrish, Mr. J. Frank; Pugh, Mr. Clarence; Ricks, Sherry; Salmon, Mr. James; Salmon, Mrs. James; Starnes, Mr. W. E.; Starnes, Mrs. W. E.; Swann, Mr. Lewis; Teachey, Mr. A. T.; Teachey, Mrs. A. T.; Thompson, Mr. Walford; Thompson, Mrs. Walford; Thompson, Mrs. O. V.; Walters, Mr. J. R.; Walters, Mrs. J. R.; Walters, Miss Jane; Williams, Mr. H. A.; Willis, Mr. Jesse; Wilson, Mr. C. W.; Wilson, Mrs. C. W.; Winkle, Mr. Herman V.; Winkle, Mrs. Herman V.; Futch, Mrs. C. W.; Bannerman, Mrs. J. K.; Clark, Miss Virginia; Lane, Mrs. Harold; Malloy, Mrs. Francis M.; Saunders, Miss Juanita; Saunders, Mrs. J. C.; Tompkins, Miss Kay, Tompkins, Miss Shirley; Starnes, Clayton; Davis, Mr. R. L.; Davis, Mrs. R. L.; Dennis, Mr. Lonnie; Dennis, Mrs. Lonnie; Sautter, Mrs. M. J.; Murray, Mrs. Lawrence; Williams, Mrs. H. A.; Willis, Mrs. Jesse; Wilson, Mr. T. L.; Wilson, Mrs. T. L.; Westbrook, Mrs. A. P.; Bennett, Mrs. Kingston; Cummings, Charles; Parrish, J. Frank, Jr.; Parrish, Mrs. J. F., Jr.; Parrish, Billy.

From the Fifth Avenue Methodist Church of Wilmington, N. C.:

Poteat, Mr. James A., Poteat, Mrs. James A.

Immediately after completion of the service, the Commission reconvened in the Sunday School room.

After it was stated that the purpose for which the Commission had been appointed had been accomplished, it was moved and seconded that the Commission adjourn, the minutes of the meeting approved, the meeting was led in prayer by Dr. E. D. Witherspoon.

LESLIE C. TUCKER,
Clerk of the Commission

The minutes of the Commission to install the Rev. C. W. Worth as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, N. C., were read and admitted to record and are as follows:

MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. C. W. WORTH

The Commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to install Rev. C. W. Worth, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, met in the pastor's study, Sunday January 31, 1954, at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Ministers: M. C. MacQueen, Chairman, B. Frank Hall, Fletcher Hutcheson.

Ruling Elders: Clarence Clark, Clarkton; W. E. Miller, Westminster; J. M. Council, Jr., Lake Waccamaw.

The Chairman called the Commission to order and prayer was offered by Dr. B. Frank Hall. Mr. J. M. Council, Jr., Lake Waccamaw, was elected Clerk of the Commission. The following assignments were made:

Dr. B. Frank Hall was asked to preach the sermon and he announced that his text would be II Timothy 4:9-11. The constitutional ques-

tions were propounded by Rev. M. C. MacQueen. Clarence Clark, Clarkton, was asked to charge the pastor and Rev. Fletcher Hutcheson was asked to charge the congregation. The assignments were carried out in the spirit and mind as the participants were led by the Holy Spirit.

After the service the Commission met in the pastor's study. The minutes were read and found in order and the business having been completed as directed by Presbytery and, further, after a closing prayer by Dr. W. E. Miller, the meeting was adjourned.

J. M. COUNCIL, JR.,
Clerk of the Commission

The minutes of the Commission to install the Rev. Fitzhugh Clark as Pastor of the Rocky Point, Currie and Pike churches were read and admitted to record as follows:

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. FITZHUGH CLARK

The Commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to install Rev. Fitzhugh Clark as Pastor of the Rocky Point, Currie and Pike Creek Churches met in the Sunday School room of the Rocky Point Church at 10:45 a.m. on January 31, 1954. Members present were Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. S. M. Houck and Ruling Elder John K. Clark.

The Commission was called to order by Rev. L. A. Taylor and opened with prayer. Ruling Elder John K. Clark was elected to serve as Clerk. The parts were assigned and the Commission retired to the church for the service which followed.

Rev. L. A. Taylor presided and propounded the Constitutional questions. Rev. S. M. Houck preached the sermon and also gave the Charge to the Pastor. Rev. L. A. Taylor gave the Charge to the combined congregations. Rev. Fitzhugh Clark pronounced the benediction.

The Commission was reconvened and the minutes were approved. The Commission was adjourned by prayer by Rev. L. A. Taylor.

JOHN K. CLARK,
Clerk of the Commission

The minutes of the Commission to install Rev. John S. Steele as Pastor of the Jacksonville Presbyterian Church were read and admitted to record as follows:

Note: Presbytery took note of the fact that a quorum of the Commission from the Presbytery was not present, and ratified the action of the Commission.

MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. JOHN S. STEELE

The Commission to install Rev. John S. Steele as Pastor of Jacksonville Presbyterian Church met in the Church on Sunday night, March 14, 1954, at 7:30. Members present were: Rev. J. T. Hayter, Ruling Elders: Frank S. Wilson and Raymond Marshall. Chaplains Malcolm Graham and S. M. Reynolds were present by invitation of the Commission. Rev. J. S. Crowley was unable to attend.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Rev. J. T. Hayter. Raymond Marshall was elected Clerk. Parts were assigned to members of the Commission. The Commission adjourned to the Sanctuary. Rev. J. T. Hayter presided and Ruling Elder Frank S. Wilson propounded

the constitutional questions. Rev. J. T. Hayter delivered the charge to the Pastor. Chaplain S. M. Reynolds, by invitation of the Commission, delivered the charge to the congregation. Chaplain Malcolm W. Graham, by invitation of the Commission, preached the sermon, having as his text, "Do Not Stand Still; Move North," based on Dieut. 2:1-17.

Following the service of installation and prayer by Rev. J. T. Hayter, the officers and members of the congregation gathered at the altar about the newly installed minister to extend to him the right hand of fellowship and to welcome him as Pastor of Jacksonville Presbyterian Church.

The Commission reconvened following the installation. Minutes were read and approved, and Commission adjourned with prayer.

RAYMOND MARSHALL,
Clerk of the Commission

The minutes of the Commission to install the Rev. H. J. Kaylor as Pastor of the Westminster Church, (Wilmington) were read and admitted to record as follows:

MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. H. J. KAYLOR

The Commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to install Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor as Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, N. C., met at the Church on March 7, 1954 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Leslie Tucker was chairman of the Commission and Rev. Jack W. Ware was elected Clerk. Mr. Tucker opened the meeting with prayer. Present were: Ministers Leslie Tucker, E. D. Witherspoon, J. W. Ware; Elders H. W. Winkle and J. K. Bannerman. Parts were assigned as follows: J. W. Ware to lead in worship and charge the Pastor; E. D. Witherspoon to preach the sermon and charge the congregation; Leslie Tucker to propound the Constitutional questions.

The Commission adjourned to the sanctuary where the duties were discharged by the members of the Commission. The sermon subject was, "The Secret of a Growing Church" and the text Acts 2:37-47.

Following the service of installation the Commission reconvened, the minutes were approved. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dr. E. D. Witherspoon.

JACK W. WARE,
Clerk of the Commission

Due to the absence of the Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, the only report from the Commission was that the Commission had approved the call of the Westminster Church, Whiteville, for the pastoral services of Rev. J. S. Walkup. Report was received as information.

The Stated Clerk gave the summary of the annual report of the Presbytery to General Assembly which was adopted as follows:

The Rev. W. H. Allison, chairman of the subcommittee on Candidates for the Ministry, presented to the Presbytery Mr. Archie Faires, member of the Wallace Presbyterian church. Mr. Allison stated that

all papers had been examined by the committee and Mr. Faires had been examined by the committee also. The examination of Mr. Faires on Experimental religion and Motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry was conducted by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was sustained.

The Moderator propounded the question from the Book of Church Order for Candidates for the Ministry and Mr. MacQueen delivered a charge to the candidate. Prayer was led by the Rev. T. B. Ruff, and Mr. Archie Faires was enrolled as a candidate for the Ministry under the care of Wilmington Presbytery.

A letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of Piedmont for the Rev. J. S. Walkup was read and Mr. Walkup was admitted to examination. The Examination on Experimental religion was conducted by the Rev. B. E. Dotson and was sustained.

The examination on Views in Theology was conducted by B. F. Hall and was sustained.

The examination on Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by the Rev. M. J. McChesney and was sustained.

The examination as a whole was sustained and Mr. Walkup was enrolled a member of Wilmington Presbytery after signing the Minister's Obligations. A call for the Pastoral services from the Westminster Presbyterian church, Whiteville, was read and found in order and placed in the hands of Mr. Walkup. After signifying his acceptance of the call the following commission was appointed to install Mr. Walkup as Pastor of the Westminster (Whiteville) church: Rev. C. W. Worth, Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. J. W. Miller; Rev. L. C. Tucker, and Ruling elders J. B. Huntington; E. L. Derrick.

The time to be April 25th, at 8:00 p.m.

The Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no matters had been brought before it.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

"The Presbytery wishes to express to the members and Pastor and especially to the women of the Topsail Presbyterian Church its deep sense of appreciation for the gracious hospitality extended to it as host church to the 186th Stated Session of the Wilmington Presbytery.

The beauty of this sanctuary and the grounds surrounding it, and the excellence and generosity of the delicious meal we have enjoyed will be remembered with thanksgiving by us all."

The invitation of the Black River Church for the July meeting of Presbytery was accepted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported as follows:

Excused from the meeting of Presbytery: Rev. C. W. Worth, M. G. Stimson, J. D. Withrow, W. F. F. Little. At 2:00 p.m. J. S. Steele and P. H. Gwynn. At 3:00 p.m. L. C. Tucker, W. D. Thompson, H. J. Kaylor and W. E. Starnes. At 3:30 p.m. J. A. Love, J. F. Davis, J. W. Miller, T. C. Gurganus and N. P. Farrior.

A resolution relative to the Examination of Sessional records was presented to the Presbytery and was referred to the Stated Clerk for study and further clarification.

A petition from the George H. Webb Memorial Presbyterian Church of Morehead City to change its name to the First Presbyterian Church of Morehead City was read to the Presbytery and the request was granted. Presbytery then approved the request of the First Presbyterian Church of Morehead City to the Board of Church Extension, Atlanta, Georgia, for a loan of $10,000.00.

Rev. J. A. Nisbet presented a request that the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relations between himself and the Rockfish and Potts Memorial Churches, and grant him permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery until the July meeting of the Presbytery. After the Churches had been heard from the Presbytery granted the request and the Pastoral relationship was dissolved as of May 1, 1954.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to place the reception of new members into the Presbytery early in the docket of the Presbytery.

The Communication from Rev. Robert Porter of the Synod of Florida was called to the attention of the Presbytery and was declared out of order in view of the fact that Rev. Porter is not a member of the Presbytery of Wilmington.

Rev. George B. Williams was nominated as Moderator of the July meeting of the Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. N. H. Flowers.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK
Permanent Clerk

DIRECTORY

Moderator: January meeting, Rev. William H. Hood, April meeting, Ruling Elder A. L. Cavenaugh.

Stated Clerk, Executive Secretary, Treasurer—Rev. L. A. Taylor.

Permanent Clerk—Rev. Samuel M. Houck.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark, J. Kyle Bannerman.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1955—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, 1956—Rev. M. C. MacQueen.

TRUSTEES OF PEACE COLLEGE

1955—Rev. William Hood, 1956—Addis P. Cates.

TRUSTEES OF FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

1954—James H. Clark, Mrs. G. O. Rogers, Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Rev. L. A. Taylor.

1955—J. Rufus Marks, E. L. Derrick, D. M. Calhoun, Dallas Herring.

1956—Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. J. W. Miller, Mr. J. A. Love, Dr. W. C. Mebane.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Chairman; Rev. Norman P. Farrior, Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Mrs. E. N. Pittman, Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt, Miss Catherine Calhoun, Mr. Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Mr. Frank S. Wilson, Mr. H. E. Latham, Mr. Hugh Oosterwyk, Mr. H. M. Dickens, Mr. W. E. Perdew.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Chairman

1954—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Mr. A. E. Gibson, Rev. Norman H. Flowers.

1955—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, Mr. Hugh Johnson.

1956—Rev. W. Priestley Conyers, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Mr. L. B. Huie, Mrs. J. N. Clark.

Sub-Committees

Home Missions: Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Chairman; Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Rev. Priestley Conyers, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Rev. Charles W. Worth, Mr. Fred E. Little, Mr. Melvin Cording, Mr. A. E. Gibson, Mrs. J. N. Clark.

Evangelism: Dr. W. C. Mebane, Chairman; Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Mr. Hugh Johnson, Mrs. Glasgow Hicks.

Christian Relations: Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, Chairman; Rev. Jerry C. McCann, Mr. L. B. Huie.

Negro Work: Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Chairman; Rev. M. J. McChesney.

Radio: Rev. B. Frank Hall, Chairman; Rev. William H. Hood, Rev. John Steele, Mr. H. M. Leaman.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Chairman

1954—Rev. J. C. McCann, Rev. Norman H. Flowers, Rev. J. T. Hayter, Mr. Frank S. Wilson, Mrs. W. J. Elkins.

1955—Rev. Millard G. Stimson, Rev. Wade H. Allison, Rev. Robert L. McBath, Mrs. D. D. Clark.

1956—Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Rev. James A. Nisbet, Rev. J. W. Ware, Mr. Algie Sutton, Mrs. Franklin Jones.

Sub-Committees

Children's Work: Rev. J. C. McCann, Chairman; Mrs. John Council, Mrs. Sam Thomas.

Senior High Work: Rev. Jack W. Ware, Chairman; Mrs. Sam Thomas, Catherine Blue Calhoun.

Pioneer Work: Rev. Millard G. Stimson, Chairman; Miss Florrie Bietman, Rev. James A. Nisbet.

Men's Work: Rev. Norman H. Flowers, Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Mr. Algie Sutton.

Young Adult Work: Rev. T. T. Hayter, Chairman; Marietta Elsner.

Leadership Education: Rev. James A. Nisbet, Chairman; Frank Wilson, J. C. McCann, Mrs. DeWitt Clark, R. L. McBath.

Educational Institutions, and Candidates for the Ministry: Rev. Wade H. Allison, Chairman; Rufus Marks, Mrs. Frank W. Jones.

WORLD MISSIONS

Rev. Norman P. Farrior, Chairman

1954—Rev. Lardner C. Moore.
1955—Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor, Mr. W. A. Patterson.
1956—Rev. Norman P. Farrior, Mr. D. M. Calhoun.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Chairman

1954—Rev. J. D. Withrow
1955—Rev. W. F. F. Little, Mr. A. L. Cavenaugh.
1956—Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Mr. H. M. Johnson.

HOMES

Rev. J. D. Withrow, Chairman

1954—Rev. J. C. McCann, Mr. Durham Grady.
1955—Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Mrs. P. R. Smith.
1956—Rev. J. D. Withrow, Mr. D. A. Boyette.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Rev. B. E. Dotson, Chairman

Area 1—Rev. B. E. Dotson (56), Rev. Walter H. Goodman (55), Rev. W. F. F. Little (54).

Area 2—Rev. S. M. Houck (56), Rev. B. Frank Hall (55), Hubert J. Kaylor (54).

Area 3—Rev. F. C. Hutcheson (56), Rev. Robert L. McBath (55), Rev. J. W. Miller (54).

AUDITS

1956—W. E. Perdew, R. C. Platt, Jr., Jordan Sloan.

RECORDS

1956—Rev. Thomas B. Ruff; 1955—Mr. W. M. Dickson; 1954—Rev. Taylor Bird.

ASSEMBLY'S CAUSES

1956—Rev. George Williams; 1955—Rev. J. T. Hayter; 1954—Rev. J. W. Miller.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

1956—Rev. Jack W. Ware; 1955—Rev. George W. Doherty; 1954—Mr. E. L. Derrick.

EXAMINATIONS

Theology—1956—Dr. Price H. Gwynn; 1955—Dr. B. Frank Hall.

Experimental Religion—1956—Rev. B. E. Dotson; 1955—Rev. M. C. MacQueen.

Sacraments and Church Government—1955—Rev. M. J. McChesney; 1954—Rev. J. M. Waggett.

English Bible—1956—Rev. W. Priestley Conyers III; 1955—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon.

Academic Studies—1954—Rev. Robert L. McBath, Rev. Neill G. Stevens.

NOMINATIONS

1954—Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr., Rev. J. W. Miller, Rev. M. J. McChesney, Rev. W. Priestley Conyers, Col. George Beatty, Mr. H. M. Leaman.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1956—Rev. Chas W. Worth, Dr. W. C. Mebane.

1955—Rev. Millard G. Stimson, Rev. N. P. Farrior.

1954—Rev. Robert L. McBath, Mr. W. M. Boice.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT OF PRESBYTERY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Churches	80
Ordained Ministers	48
Candidates	8
Ordinations	2
Elders	492
Deacons	576
Received on Profession of Faith	285
Received on Certificate and Reaffirmation	448
Communicants	11,834
Baptisms:	
Adult	171
Infant	162
S. S. Enrollment	10,628
Contributions:	
Benevolences	$129,269
Current Expenses	252,408
Buildings	103,059
Total	$484,736
Per Capita Given:	
Benevolences	$10.89
Current Expenses	30.02
Total	$40.91

NAME OF CHURCH	CLERK OF SESSION	GEN. TREAS.	BEN. TREAS.
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Bethany	H. B. Rivenbark RFD 1, Box 65, Wilmington, N. C.	G. G. Thomas 3705 Stratford Ave., Wilmington, N. C.	Same
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Bethel	Arthur Wood Chinquapin, N. C.	Mrs. Graham Reece Chinquapin, N. C.	Same
Beulaville	R. V. Cupp Beulaville, N. C.	Aubrey Johnston Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Black River	E. W. Reeves Ivanhoe, N. C.	William Corbett Ivanhoe, N. C.	Same
Bladenboro	J. F. Davis Bladenboro, N. C.	Mrs. E. L. Edwards Bladenboro, N. C.	Same
Bowden	Herman Taylor RFD Faison, N. C.	Mrs. J. H. Moore Bowden, N. C.	Same
Brunswick	R. A. Powell Brunswick, N. C.	A. B. Powell Brunswick, N. C.	Same
Burgaw	T. T. Murphy Burgaw, N. C.	C. F. Mallard, Jr. Burgaw, N. C.	Same
Calypso	Leon Flowers Calypso, N. C.	S. D. Davis Calypso, N. C.	Same
Cape Fear			
Carolina Beach	C. F. Cameron Box 765, Carolina Beach, N. C.	C. T. Strickland Box 618A, Carolina Beach, N. C.	Same
Caswell	Graham Shaw Atkinson, N. C.		
Chadbourn	J. M. Jackson Box 346, Chadbourn, N. C.	H. G. McQueen Box 302, Chadbourn, N. C	Same
Chapel on Boardwalk	Mr. Edward Mallory Wrightsville Beach, N. C.	Mr. M. J. Hudgens Route 3, Box 316, Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Chinquapin	George F. Landen Chinquapin, N. C.	Joseph Williams Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Clarkton	C. S. Clark Clarkton, N. C.	I. A. Singletary Clarkton, N. C.	Same
Croatan	C. L. Hughes Rt. 4, New Bern, N. C.	Miss Leona Tolson Rt. 4, New Bern, N. C.	Same
Currie	H. C. Walker Currie, N. C.	Mr. Marvin Richards Currie, N. C.	Same
Delgado	W. C. Scoggins 1909 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.	R. V. Hardison 1414 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.	Same
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Elkton	W. J. Elkins Rt. 2, Clarkton, N. C.	Mrs. W. J. Elkins Rt. 2, Clarkton, N. C.	Same
Faison	A. P. Cates Faison, N. C.	M. C. Bowden Faison, N. C.	Same

Graves Memorial	Mr. F. B. Johnson Clinton, N. C.	Mr. J. R. Hubbard Clinton, N. C.	Same
Grove			
Hallsville	Andrew H. Miller RFD 2, Kenansville, N. C.	Leonard Kennedy RFD 1, Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Harmony	R. E. Pendergrass Tomahawk, N. C.	D. G. Shaw Kerr, N. C.	Same
Harper-Southerland	Nick Smith Pink Hill, N. C.	Nick Smith Pink Hill, N. C.	Same
Hebron			
Holly Grove	Mr. Romie Williamson RFD 4, Clinton, N. C.	Mr. Irvin Ross RFD 2, Clinton, N. C.	Same
Hopewell	J. S. Newkirk RFD, Watha, N. C.	Horace Murray RFD, Burgaw, N. C.	Same
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Lake Waccamaw	John Council Wananish, N. C.	P. G. Sutton Lake Waccamaw, N. C.	Same
Maple Hill	S. A. Lanier Maple Hill, N. C.	Fred W. Harrell Maple Hill, N. C.	Same
McClure Memorial	E. J. Scott Rt. 1, Rocky Point, N. C.	P. H. Braak Castle Hayne, N. C.	Same
Mt. Horeb	Homer Munroe Rt. 2, Council, N. C.	Radford Allen Rt. 2, Council, N. C.	Same
Mt. Olive	T. N. McGee Mt. Olive, N. C.	Reath Jones Mt. Olive, N. C.	Same
Mt. Williams	R. A. Thigpen Burgaw, N. C.	R. F. Humphrey Burgaw, N. C.	R. A. Thigpen Burgaw, N. C.
Mt. Zion	M. L. Carr Rose Hill, N. C.	Horace Fussell Rose Hill, N. C.	Same
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New Hope	D. R. Johnson Winnabow, N. C.	Mrs. Thomas Rabon Winnabow, N. C.	Same
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Oak Grove	R. H. Ellis Rt. 2, Box 505AA, Wilmington, N. C.	T. W. Fogleman Rt. 2, Box 476, Wilmington, N. C.	Same
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Pineland	Mr. Troy King RFD, Maple Hill, N. C.	Mr. Troy King RFD, Maple Hill, N. C.	Same
Pink Hill	Dr. H. A. Edwards Pink Hill, N. C.	Levi Everette Pink Hill, N. C.	Same

Pleasant View	Durham Grady Albertson, N. C.	Lawrence Mewborn Albertson, N. C.	Robert Grady Pink Hill, N. C.
Pollocksville	R. P. Bender Pollocksville, N. C.	F. T. Bender Pollocksville, N. C.	Same
Potts Memorial	J. C. Southerland Willard, N. C.	W. T. Sutton Willard, N. C.	Same
Rockfish	Julian A. Carr Wallace, N. C.	Mrs. Nell Forlaw Teachey, N. C.	Same
Rocky Point	A. N. Rhodes Rocky Point, N. C.	E. F. Langston Rocky Point, N. C.	Same
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Southport	Price Furpless Southport, N. C.	Thomas S. George Southport, N. C.	Same
South River			
Stafford Memorial	J. J. Stafford, Jr. Garland, N. C.	Harold B. Lamb Garland, N. C.	Same
Stanford	Albert Outlaw Rt. 2, Mt. Olive, N. C.	Jack Smith Rt. 2, Mt. Olive, N. C.	Same
Tabor City	W. O. Jackson, Jr. Tabor City, N. C.	Howard S. Wooten Tabor City, N. C.	Same
Teachey	Hugh Wells Albertson, N. C.	Benjamine Brinkley RFD, Teachey, N. C.	Same
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Wallace	J. N. Wells Wallace, N. C.	Mrs. Gordan Jones Wallace, N. C.	Same
Warsaw	Aubrey L. Cavenaugh Warsaw, N. C.	B. C. Sheffield Warsaw, N. C.	Same
Webb Memorial	Mr. D. Cordova 2507 Arendell St., Morehead City, N. C.	Mr. T. C. Hyman 825½ Arendell St., Morehead City	Same
Westminster	Mr. H. M. Leaman Whiteville, N. C.	Mr. H. M. Dickens Whiteville, N. C.	Same
White Plains	A. F. Burney Rt. 1, Clarkton, N. C.	Marjorie C. Priest Rt. 2, Council, N. C.	Same
Whiteville (First)	H. G. Reeves Whiteville, N. C.	R. T. Beason Whiteville, N. C.	Same
Wildwood	Jas. G. Murdock Wildwood, N. C.	R. T. Dickenson Wildwood, N. C.	Same
Willard	H. McN. Johnson Willard, N. C.	Mrs. R. W. Powers Wallace, N. C.	Same
Wilmington (First)	W. M. Dickson 415 S. Front St., Wilmington, N. C.	Dan Dove, Jr. 1816 Grace St., Wilmington, N. C.	Wm. Hartzog, Jr. 514 S. 2nd St., Wilmington, N. C.
Winter Park	Miles Clemmer 4815 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington, N. C.	H. R. Mason Harbor Island, Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Woodburn	W. E. Wessell Leland, N. C.	Mrs. Doris Wessell Leland, N. C.	Same

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Baker	Wayland Price	Route 4, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Bethany	D. R. Murray	331 Castle Hayne Road, Wilmington, N. C.
Beth Car	Mr. A. H. Singletary	Tar Heel, N. C.
Bethel	Cicero Lanier	Chinquapin, N. C.
Beulaville	Carl Daniel Pate	Beulaville, N. C.
Black River	John A. Corbett	Ivanhoe, N. C.
Bladenboro	Mrs. E. L. Edwards	Bladenboro, N. C.
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Grove	Clarence Murphy	Kenansville, N. C.
Hallsville	W. L. Miller	RFD 1, Beulaville, N. C.
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Hebron	No School	
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Hopewell	J. S. Newkirk	RFD, Watha, N. C.
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Maple Hill	No School	
McClure Memorial	A. F. Wells	Castle Hayne, N. C.
Mt. Horeb	Clark Allen	Route 1, Clarkton, N. C.
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Mt. Williams	No School	
Mt. Zion	Kenneth Turner	Rose Hill, N. C.
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Pleasant View—Robert Grady.....Albertson, N. C.
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Potts Memorial—R. M. Lefler.....Willard, N. C.
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South River—No School
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Stanford—Jack Smith.....RFD 2, Mt. Olive, N. C.
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Wildwood—Jas. G. Murdock.....Wildwood, N. C.
Willard—Mrs. C. R. Dillard.....Willard, N. C.
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Winter Park—J. R. Dyson.....4112 Lake Road, Wilmington, N. C.
Woodburn—L. L. Wilkins.....414 Queen Street, Wilmington, N. C.

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Installed 30

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE	CHURCHES	Officers		Communicants			Baptisms	
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Profession	Added on Certificate	Communicants	Adult	Infant
Wade H. Allison, P	Rose Hill, N. C.	Mt. Zion*	10	15	1	4	209	1	4
Wade H. Allison, P	Rose Hill, N. C., R.F.D.	Oak Plains	6	4	0	0	52	0	1
Wade H. Allison, SS	Teachey, N. C.	Teachey	6	6	4	4	111	3	0
Taylor O. Bird, P	Faison, N. C.	Faison*	6	8	18	5	207	9	2
Taylor O. Bird, P	Calypso, N. C.	Calypso	7	8	3	1	125	2	1
Taylor O. Bird, P	Mt. Olive, N. C., R.F.D.	Stanford	6	7	10	2	121	10	2
E. B. Carr, HR	Wallace, N. C.								
Fitzhugh Clark, P	Rocky Point, N. C.	Rocky Point*	4	6	0	3	70	0	0
Fitzhugh Clark, P	Burgaw, N. C., R.F.D.	Pike	5	5	0	0	61	0	0
Fitzhugh Clark, P	Currie, N. C.	Currie	4	4	0	0	34	0	0
P. L. Clark, SS	Burgaw, N. C.	Mt. Williams	1	2	0	0	30	0	0
P. L. Clark, SS	Maple Hill, N. C.	Maple Hill	2	1	0	2	27	0	0
W. Priestley Conyers III, P	Morehead City, N. C.	Webb Memorial*	5	9	14	38	146	8	9
W. Priestley Conyers III, P	Wildwood, N. C.	Wildwood	4	6	4	5	79	3	0
William C. Crowe, Jr., D.D., P	Wilmington, N. C.	First	20	24	12	43	1,050	3	7
J. S. Crowley, H.R.	Wilmington, N. C.								
George W. Doherty, P	Chinquapin, N. C.	Chinquapin*	7	8	1	2	138	1	4
George W. Doherty, P	Chinquapin, N. C., R.F.D.	Bethel	8	7	0	0	184	0	0
B. E. Dotson, P	Mt. Olive, N. C.	Mt. Olive*	10	14	3	7	316	0	1
B. E. Dotson, P	Mt. Olive, N. C., R.F.D.	Baker	4	2	0	0	57	0	0
John L. Fairly, D.D. Editor	Richmond, Va.								
N. P. Farrior, P	Pink Hill, N. C.	Pink Hill*	5	6	0	2	84	0	0
N. P. Farrior, P	Pink Hill, N. C., R.F.D.	Smith	4	7	0	1	78	0	0
N. P. Farrior, P	Pink Hill, N. C., R.F.D.	Hebron	2	0	2	0	16	1	0
N. P. Farrior, P	Albertson, N. C.	Pleasant View	4	3	1	0	66	1	0
N. P. Farrior, P	Albertson, N. C., R.F.D.	Harper-Southerland	2	3	0	0	42	0	0
Norman H. Flowers, P	Warsaw, N. C.	Warsaw*	5	12	4	6	175	1	3
Norman H. Flowers, P	Bowden, N. C.	Bowden Community	3	3	1	3	39	0	0
Walter H. Goodman, Jr., P	Beaulaville, N. C.	Beulaville	4	5	4	4	111	4	2
Walter H. Goodman, Jr., P	Jacksonville, N. C., R.F.D.	Antioch	3	2	2	0	42	2	0
Price H. Gwynn, Ph.D., Dean	Red Springs, N. C.								
B. Frank Hall, D.D.	Wrightsville, N. C.								
B. Frank Hall, D.D., P	Wilmington, N. C.	Pearsall Memorial	13	16	2	15	308	2	4
J. T. Hayter, P	Kenansville, N. C.	Grove*	5	7	5	3	143	5	0
J. T. Hayter, P	Beulaville, N. C., R.F.D.	Hallsville	6	6	0	0	121	0	1
William B. Hood, P	Wallace, N. C.	Wallace*	12	12	6	11	404	1	6
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MINISTERS

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1—P. L. Clark
2—J. L. Fairly
3—C. C. Myers
4—D. L. Williamson
5—J. W. Miller
6—J. S. Crowley
7—M. C. MacQueen
8—E. B. Carr
9—B. E. Dotson
10—N. P. Farrior
11—W. H. Allison
12—F. M. Thompson
13—E. D. Witherspoon
14—L. A. Taylor
15—W. B. Hood
16—F. W. Lewis
17—W. H. Goodman
18—B. F. Hall
19—M. G. Stimpson
20—W. P. Conyers III
21—Neill G. Stevens
22—R. L. McBath
23—W. F. F. Little
24—J. W. Ware
25—L. C. Tucker
26—S. M. Houck
27—M. J. McChesney
28—Price H. Gwynn
29—T. B. Ruff
30—Preston C. Oliver
31—S. N. Thomas
32—F. C. Hutcheson
33—J. C. McCann
34—H. J. Kaylor
35—T. O. Bird
36—G. W. Doherty
37—N. H. Flowers
38—L. C. Moore
39—C. L. Kirby
40—G. B. Williams, Jr.
41—J. F. Clark
42—C. W. Worth
43—John Steele
44—John S. Walkup
45—H. H. Hilton
46—J. C. Plexico
47—J. A. Marrow
48—J. B. MacLeod
49—J. S. Russell
50—R. F. Perkins

CHURCHES

Name, Year Organized

Acme, 1892
Antioch, 1925
Ashwood, 1922
Baker, 1934
Bethany, 1944
Beth Car, 1819
Bethel, 1924
Beulaville, 1917
Black River, 1740
Bladenboro, 1889
Bowden, 1905
Brunswick, 1947
Burgaw, 1879
Calypso, 1903
Cape Fear, 1944
Carolina Beach, 1943
Caswell, 1858
Chadbourn, 1897
Chapel on Boardwalk, 1952
Chinquapin, 1884
Clarkton, 1795
Croatan, 1884
Currie, 1914
Delgado, 1916
Elizabethtown, 1834
Elkton, 1917
Faison, 1857
Graves Mem., 1838
Grove, 1736
Hallsville, 1900
Harmony, 1887
Harper-South'd, 1945
Hebron, 1886
Holly Grove, 1914
Hopewell, 1800
Immanuel, 1895
Jacksonville, 1911
Lake Waccamaw, 1921
Maple Hill, 1887
McClure Mem., 1940
Mt. Horeb, 1843
Mt. Olive, 1878
Mt. Williams, 1845
Mt. Zion, 1858
Myrtle Grove, 1944
New Hope, 1889
Oakdale, 1933
Oak Grove, 1952
Oak Plains, 1859
Page's Mill, 1946
Pearsall Mem., 1914
Pike, 1856
Pineland, 1953
Pink Hill, 1917
Pleasant View, 1924
Pollocksville, 1868
Potts Mem., 1945
Rockfish, 1756
Rocky Point, 1922
St. Andrews, 1858
Ch. of Covenant, 1918
Merged—1944
Smith, 1895
Southport, 1902
South River, 1796
Stanford, 1892
Stafford Mem., 1951
Tabor City, 1944
Teachey, 1902
Topsail, 1871
Trinity, 1954
Wallace, 1884
Warsaw, 1884
Webb Mem., 1929
Westminster, 1920
Westminster (Wilmington), 1954
White Plains, 1850
Whiteville First, 1869
Wildwood, 1898
Willard, 1915
Wilmington First, 1817
Winter Park, 1913
Woodburn, 1924

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Wilbur M. Boice, Eugene Davis, Clifton E. Dickson, Lucius A. Gray, James F. Miller, G. Fenton Miller, George M. Powell, Eugene D. Witherspoon, Archie Faires.

STATED SESSION

The 187th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Wilmington convened Tuesday, July 20, 1954 at the Black River Church, Ivanhoe, N. C., at 10:00 a.m. The opening worship service was led by the Moderator, Mr. A. L. Cavenaugh, who addressed Presbytery on the subject: "A Vast Unenlisted Resource." Following the worship service and address, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed with Rev. Charles W. Worth and Rev. John S. Steele presiding.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Charles L. Kirby.

The following ministers were enrolled:

Taylor O. Bird, Fitzhugh Clark, P. L. Clark, W. Priestley Conyers III, George W. Doherty, N. P. Farrior, Walter H. Goodman, Jr., B. Frank Hall, William B. Hood, Samuel M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, Hubert J. Kaylor, Charles S. Kirby, W. F. F. Little, M. C. MacQueen, Robert L. McBath, Jerry C. McCann, M. J. McChesney, J. W. Miller, C. C. Myers, Thomas B. Ruff, Neill G. Stevens, Millard G. Stimpson, L. A. Taylor, Samuel N. Thomas, J. W. Ware, George B. Williams, E. D. Witherspoon, Charles W. Worth, John S. Steele and Horace H. Hilton.

The following churches were enrolled by representatives:

Antioch, Royden Caulk, Jr.; Ashwood, C. L. Braddy; Baker, Grainger Tadlock; Beth Car, P. H. Myers; Bethany, J. A. Sloan; Bethel, A. R. Wood; Beulaville, A. W. Gresham; Black River, George S. Beatty; Brunswick, W. L. Ellen; Burgaw, Leon H. Corbett; Calypso, Ed Lewis; Carolina Beach, D. N. Page; Caswell, D. Graham Shaw, Jr.; Chadbourn, E. L. Derrick; Chinquapin, G. F. Landin; Clarkton, J. D. McKee; Currie, H. C. Walker; Delgado, W. N. Leitch; Elizabethtown, E. C. Clark, Jr.; Elkton, W. J. Elkins; Graves Memorial, Lauchlin Bethune; Grove, R. V. Wells; Hallsville, Ralph Miller; Harmony, C. H. Melvin; Holly Grove, R. V. Wells; Hopewell, N. B. Murray; Immanuel, A. C. Pate; Jacksonville, J. Wilson Eubank; Lake Waccamaw, J. M. Council, Sr.; Maple Hill, S. A. Lanier; McClure Memorial, J. S. Cameron; Mt. Horeb, James Monroe; Mt. Olive, Clyde A. Williams; Mt. Williams, R. A. Thigpen; Mt. Zion, C. F. Blanchard, Jr.; Myrtle Grove, T. C. Gurganus; Oak Grove, J. M. Vogels; Oak Plains, H. H. Hall; Pearsall Memorial, Paul R. Jordan; Pike Creek, Thomas Sidbury; Pineland, Troy E. King; Pollocksville, H. A. Parker; Rockfish, Paul E. Smith; Rocky Point, E. F. Langston; St. Andrews-Covenant, Alex R. Urquhart; Southport, Harold Aldridge; Stafford Memorial, L. A. Warren, Sr.; Stanford, Ralph A. Jones; Teachey, H. M. Wells; Topsail, R. N. Thomas; Wallace, J. Luther Powell; Warsaw, A. L. Cavenaugh; First Presbyterian, Morehead City, J. W. Kellog; First (Wilmington), A. T. Summey; Westminster (Whiteville), W. M. Boice; Westminster (Wilmington), J. K. Bannerman; Wildwood, James Murdock; Willard, C. R. Dillard; Winter Park, J. T. Barden; Woodburn, Mac F. Jones.

Elders attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced to the Presbytery by the respective pastors of the churches represented.

The docket was presented by the Stated Clerk and was adopted as amended.

The following communications were presented to Presbytery:

Requests to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery from the Rev. W. H. Allison and the Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, referred to the standing committee on leave of absence.

A resolution adopted by the Synod of N. C. regarding the actions taken by certain Sessions with reference to the matter of segregation was read and adopted by the Presbytery and ordered sent to each Session of the Presbytery. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS we are aware that certain Sessions have taken action relative to the deliverance of the 1954 General Assembly on the matter of the church and segregation, and that these actions have been disseminated,

AND, WHEREAS, the official action of the General Assembly in such matters has not been available for the study urged by the Assembly among the courts of the church,

AND WHEREAS such deliverances without the study of the official action of the Assembly are unworthy of the dimension of the subject and could unjustly prejudice the minds of some with regard to the action of the Assembly,

AND, WHEREAS, such premature deliverance may imply an impeachment of the honor of Christ and discredit the doctrinal and ecclesiastical heritage of our beloved Church,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, without invalidating the right of any church court to deliver itself decently and in order on subjects of mutual concern, the Synod of North Carolina would urge all Presbyteries and Sessions within its bounds to desist from any deliverances on the subject of the church and segregation until they shall have had ample time to study carefully and prayerfully the action of the General Assembly in the matter.

A communication from Dr. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, regarding the procedure in action on the Plan of Union was received as information and the recommendations adopted as follows:

ACTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly adopted the following recommendations concerning the Plan of Union:

1. That the 1954 General Assembly receive and approve the Plan and rccommend it to the Presbyteries for their advice and consent, in accordance with the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Par. 168.

2. That the 1954 General Assembly give an affirmative answer to the following Categorical Question (Plan of Union, page 14):

Shall the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and The United Presbyterian Church of North America, be united to form The Presbyterian Church of the United States

(a) On the doctrinal basis of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the supreme standard, acknowledged as the in-

spired Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and upon the subordinate standards now held by the three negotiating churches, viz., the Westminster Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms, together with amendments thereto herewith submitted, all of which amendments have been hitherto adopted by one or more of the negotiating churches;

(b) On the governmental basis of the Book of Church Order which consists of the Directory for Worship, the Form of Government, and the Book of Discipline, herewith submitted;

(c) On the basis of the Constitution of the united church which consists of the subordinate standards named in (a) and the Book of Church Order named in (b) above;

(d) On the basis of the Concurrent Declarations numbered 1-15 inclusive and the Supplemental Covenant and Agreement?

3. That the 1954 General Assembly *recommend* to each Presbytery:

(1) That upon receipt of the Plan of Union from the General Assembly for its "advice and consent," each Presbytery refer the Plan to a standing or special committee for study and report.

(2) That the committee, after carefully considering the Plan of Union and noting its revisions, and after earnestly and prayerfully seeking to discover God's will for the church, report to a stated meeting of Presbytery prior to the taking of a vote, not before January 1, 1955.

4. That each Presbytery be instructed that its vote is to be "yes" or "no" on the Categorical Question precisely as it is worded on page 14 of the Plan of Union, as Revised, Nov., 1953.

5. That inasmuch as there is agreement by all of our churches on the value of Christian cooperation, the 1954 General Assembly

(1) Encourages the boards and agencies working in the same field to continue their cooperation; and

(2) Requests the preparation of tentative interim plans for carrying on work before the Plan of Union goes into effect, these interim plans to be presented to the 1955 General Assemblies, if and when the Presbyteries shall have approved the Plan of Union; and

(3) Encourages Presbyteries to invite representatives of the other churches to be present with them, and share fully in their discussion concerning union. (Minutes, 1954, pp. 65-66.)

E. C. SCOTT,
Stated Clerk

Presbytery authorized that the Special Committee, which is to be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the recommendations adopted in the communication from the General Assembly, make every effort to see that the greatest possible amount of information regarding the Plan of Union be made available to every congregation in the bounds of Wilmington Presbytery.

Presbytery urges all churches and Sessions to make full use of Presbytery's Committee in securing information relative to the issues involved in the Plan of Union.

The Executive Committee of Church Extension made its annual report, through the chairman, Dr. E. D. Witherspoon. The report and recommendations were adopted as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CHURCH EXTENSION
REPORT TO
WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
JULY 20, 1954

In presenting the report of the Executive Committee of Church Extension, we report on our work as it has been carried on by the various subcommittees, and as their reports have been made to the Executive Committee. As the report proceeds, you will become aware of the excellent work which has been done by these sub-committees during the recent year.

Home Missions

The work of Home Missions in the Presbytery has gone forward in an excellent way. The greatest factor in this work continues to be the large number of consecrated, capable, and attractive pastors whom God has sent to work in our Presbytery. We should be grateful to Him for these men and their families, and for their spirit of sacrifice and devotion to the cause of Christ. To mention in details the achievements resulting from their leadership, the contribution they are making to the work of our Presbytery and to the Kingdom of God would make this report unduly long.

Three changes have taken place since our last report. Dr. J. M. Waggett gave up the work at Southport and New Hope churches to return to Hartwell, Georgia, and the Rev. Joseph B. MacLeod, a recent graduate of Columbia Seminary, has accepted the calls of these churches. The Rev. Lardner C. Moore resigned his work at Cape Fear Church to accept appointment as a missionary under the Board of World Missions, and the Rev. James A. Marrow, Jr., a former member of this Presbytery, has accepted a call to this church. The Rev. J. D. Withrow resigned the pastorate of the Woodburn church to work in Fayetteville Presbytery, and the Rev. J. Clyde Plexico has accepted the call of this church. It is understood, of course, that each of these calls has been accepted subject to the approval of Presbytery. It is interesting to note that all Home Mission fields and churches have had the full time services of pastors during the year, which is one of the reasons why progress can be noted in the various fields.

These things should be mentioned relative to building programs within the Presbytery. The Jacksonville church recently received the generous gift of a lot where a larger and more adequate plant may be built to meet the pressing needs of that congregation. The Trinity Church, at Havelock, and the Acme Church have building programs in the planning stage. Two other churches, not receiving aid from this Committee in the support of their pastors, but churches in which your Committee is keenly interested, namely, Bethany and Westminster, have building projects under way.

Members of your Committee have studied one of the growing residential areas in Wilmington, looking to the purchase of a suitable site for a church when the way be clear.

Thus far this year your Committee has received, for the work under its direction, a total of $13,861.61. It has allocated funds to the amount of $20,883.00. A report of receipts and allocations is attached but will not be read unless request is made for its reading.

Your Committee offers the following recommendations:

1. That the title to the manse property used by the pastor of Acme and Ashwood churches be transferred from the Trustees of Wilmington Presbytery to the Trustees of the Acme Church, and that the Trustees of the Presbytery, Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark, and J. K. Bannerman be authorized and empowered to effect this change of title.

2. That pastors and elders be on the lookout for needs and opportunities for outpost Sunday Schools and Chapels. (At present there are only five chapels reported by the churches of this Presbytery.)

3. That the members of Presbytery continue to remember the pastors of our Home Mission fields in their prayers.

Evangelism

Cooperation in the field of Evangelism has been noted in the life of the Presbytery. Many of the ministers of Presbytery attended the Conference on Evangelism sponsored by Synod's Committee in Raleigh in February of this year.

Many of the ministers and churches are entering eagerly into the exchange of ministers for Evangelistic Services to be held in the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina in 1955. Any minister, who has not availed himself of this opportunity of service, should do so at once.

During the year 1953, a nine month year, 285 persons were received on Profession of Faith, and 448 by letter or reaffirmation of Faith.

Negro Work

As was reported last year, the Sub-Committee on Negro Work, in conjunction with a committee of the First Church, Wilmington, invited the Rev. Lawrence Bottoms, Assistant Director of Negro Work of the Board of Church Extension, to come to Wilmington for a survey of the needs and opportunities for additional religious work among the Negroes of that city. At the conclusion of the survey he recommended work for Negroes in the South Side of Wilmington. In April of this year, Mr. Bottoms returned to Wilmington at which time efforts were made to purchase a site for locating a church. Efforts to obtain the site which had been chosen were unsuccessful. There has been no further action on this matter.

Christian Relations

In view of the action taken by Presbytery, the report of the sub-committee on Church Relations will not be made.

Respectfully submitted,
E. D. WITHERSPOON, Chairman
Committee of Church Extension

Rev. C. L. Kirby was asked to preside for the report of the Committee on Assembly's Special Causes, Rev. G. B. Williams, chairman. The committee reported that no materials had come to him relative to these causes and requested that the committee report be docketed for the fall meeting of the Presbytery. The request was granted.

The following standing committees were announced by the Moderator:

Leave of Absence: A. L. Cavenaugh, Sidney Lanier and Rev. J. S. Steele.

Place of Next Meeting: W. L. Ellen, Luther Powell and Rev. S. N. Thomas.

Resolution of Thanks: W. M. Boice, Leon Corbett and Rev. T. B. Ruff.

The Council of the Presbytery through the chairman, Rev. Samuel M. Houck, made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That a conference on the work of the Presbytery be held September 13, 1954, in the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, from 3:00—8:00 p.m. (See Manual, Sec. IV, pg. 7.)

2. That in view of the action of the Synod relative to the Committee on Christian Education and Educational Institutions, a committee of Presbytery be appointed to make such revisions in our Manual as will bring our Presbytery organization in line with that of Synod, and that this committee report at the next Stated meeting of the Presbytery.

3. That the Presbytery approve the "Forward with Christ" movement in our Church as the program of special emphasis for the next three years, and that the Council of Presbytery be authorized to promote this program in all of our churches.

4. That the provision of the Manual relative to the date of meeting of Presbytery (Section 11, pg. 1) be waived for the next Stated meeting and that this meeting be held September 28th, rather than October 19th.

5. That the Presbytery approve a minimum salary of $3,900.00 annually for married ministers and $3,600.00 annually for single ministers, and that a committee composed of interested laymen be appointed to confer with Sessions and Boards of Deacons to assist them in planning to the end that each field, do its utmost to reach this minimum.

The Special Committee recommended in No. 2 above was appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Dr. Price H. Gwynn, and Dr. L. A. Taylor.

The Nominating Committee reported through the chairman, Rev. Walter H. Goodman, as follows:

Rev. John S. Walkup to replace Rev. James Nisbet on the Executive Committee of Christian Education.

The recommendation was adopted.

A letter of Dismissal for the Rev. James Marrow from the Presbytery of East Hanover was read, and a letter of Dismissal for the Rev. J. Clyde Plexico from the Presbytery of Fayetteville was read, and these men were admitted to examination.

The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was sustained.

The examination on Views in Theology was conducted by the Rev. B. F. Hall and was sustained.

The Examination on the Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by the Rev. M. J. McChesney and was sustained.

The examinations as a whole were sustained and Rev. James

Marrow and Rev. J. Clyde Plexico were enrolled members of Wilmington Presbytery after signing the Minister's Obligations.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. James Marrow from the Cape Fear church was read, found in order and placed in his hands. He accepted the call and the following commission was elected to install him pastor of this church. The commission is:

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. M. G. Stimpson, and Dr. L. A. Taylor and Ruling Elders W. M. Dickson and J. B. Huntington. Time: Sunday, July 25th, 8:00 p.m.

A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. Clyde Plexico from the Woodburn church was read, found in order and placed in his hands. He accepted the call and the following commission was elected to install him pastor of the Woodburn church:

Dr. L. A. Taylor, Dr. B. Frank Hall, and Dr. E. D. Witherspoon and Ruling Elders Dr. W. C. Mebane and Mac F. Jones. Time: August 1st, 8:00 p.m.

A letter of Dismissal from the Presbytery of East Hanover for Candidate James S. Russell, and from Pee Dee Presbytery for Candidate Joseph B. MacLeod were read and these candidates were admitted to examination.

The examination of Academic studies were waived in view of a diploma from the U. N. C. presented by Mr. MacLeod and from Hampden-Sydney College presented by Mr. Russell. Mr. Russell's diploma from the Union Theological Seminary was accepted in lieu of the examination on the Original Languages of the Scriptures. Mr. McLeod's diploma from Columbia Seminary was received in lieu of the examination on the Original Languages of the Scriptures.

Rev. Samuel M. Houck reported that the written parts of the candidates had been examined by two members of the committee on Candidates and recommended that these be approved. Presbytery adopted the recommendation.

The examination on Experimental religion and Motives for seeking the ministry was conducted by Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was sustained.

The examinations of Theology was conducted by the Rev. B. F. Hall and was sustained.

The examination on the Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by the Rev. M. J. McChesney and was sustained.

Presbytery recessed for lunch to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 p.m. and was led in prayer by the Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr.

The examination of the Candidates was resumed, with the sermons from the candidates. Mr. Russell preached from Math. 16:16-28 using as his theme, "The Requirements of Discipleship." Mr. MacLeod preached from Isaiah 41 using as his theme, "God's Promises." The sermons were sustained.

The examination on English Bible was conducted by Rev. W. P. Conyers III, and was sustained.

The examinations as a whole were sustained and Mr. Russell and Mr. MacLeod were licensed to Preach the Gospel according to the provisions of Par. 119 in the Book of Church Order. They were enrolled members of the Presbytery upon the signing of the Minister's Obligations.

The examination for licensure was accepted as sufficient for ordination. Calls from the Southport and New Hope Churches were read, found in order and placed in the hands of Mr. MacLeod. He accepted the calls and the following Commission was appointed to ordain him, and install him as pastor of the respective churches:

At New Hope: Rev. C. C. Myers, Dr. L. A. Taylor, and Dr. B. Frank Hall and Ruling Elders: A. E. Gibson, and C. C. Howell. The time to be left in the hands of the commission.

At Southport: Rev. C. C. Myers, Dr. L. A. Taylor and Dr. B. Frank Hall and Ruling Elders: Dr. W. C. Mebane and J. M. Wolfe. Time to be August 15, 1954.

Calls from the Lake Waccamaw, White Plains and Elkton churches were read, found in order and placed in the hands of Mr. Russell. He indicated his acceptance of the calls and the following Commissions were appointed to ordain him and install him as Pastor as follows:

Rev. S. N. Thomas, Rev. C. L. Kirby and Rev. Charles Worth, and Ruling Elders J. N. Council, Jr. and Alex Burney. Dr. H. W. DuBose to be invited to preach the sermon. This commission to ordain and install Mr. Russell at Lake Waccamaw church in a service to which the White Plains congregation will be present, time: July 25th, 3:00 p.m.

Installation service, Elkton church: Rev. S. N. Thomas, Rev. C. W. Worth and Rev. F. C. Hutcheson and Ruling Elders: J. N. Council, Jr. and Alex Burney, Time: July 25th, 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Lucius A. Gray, a member of the Graves Memorial Church, Clinton, N. C., was presented to Presbytery by Rev. S. M. Houck for the Committee on Candidates. The Committee reported that all papers had been received, and that the candidate had been examined, and recommended that Mr. Gray be admitted to examination as a candidate for the Ministry under the care of Presbytery.

The recommendation was adopted and Mr. Gray was presented to Presbytery. The examination on Experimental Religion and

Motives for seeking the Ministry was conducted by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was sustained.

The questions to the candidate were proposed by the Moderator and after being answered affirmatively, a charge was given to the candidate by Rev. S. M. Houck, who closed the proceedings with prayer. Mr. Gray was enrolled as a candidate for the Ministry under the care of the Presbytery.

The minutes of the Commission to install Rev. J. S. Walkup pastor of the Westminster church, Whiteville, were read and admitted to record.

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. J. S. WALKUP

The Commission appointed by Presbytery to install the Rev. J. S. Walkup, as pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, N. C., met in the pastor's study on Sunday, April 25, 1954 at 7:30 p.m. The members present: Ministers—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, C. W. Worth and J. W. Miller and Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington. The meeting was called to order by C. W. Worth, and was constituted with prayer by J. W. Miller. J. B. Huntington was named clerk.

The Commission was organized for the service of installation and adjourned to the church Sanctuary for the service of worship and installation. The Rev. C. W. Worth presided and propounded the constitutional questions. Dr. E. D. Witherspoon preached the sermon and used as his text Acts 2:37-47 and his subject, "The Secret of a Successful Church." The charge to the pastor was given by Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington and the charge to the congregation was given by Rev. J. W. Miller.

The Commission reassembled following the service and approved the minutes and adjourned with prayer.

CHARLES W. WORTH, Moderator
J. B. HUNTINGTON, Clerk

The minutes of the Commission to install the Rev. Horace H. Hilton pastor of the Winter Park church, Wilmington, N. C., were read and admitted to record as follows:

MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. HORACE H. HILTON

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery to install Rev. Horace H. Hilton as pastor of the Winter Park church met in the Educational Building of the church on Sunday, June 20, 1954, at 7:50 p.m. Members present were Rev. J. W. Ware, Rev. C. C. Myers, Rev. L. A. Taylor and Ruling Elder H. T. Wilson. Dr. Taylor called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer.

Parts were assigned to members of the Commission as follows: To Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions—Dr. L. A. Taylor, To Preach the Sermon—Rev. Jack W. Ware, To Deliver the Charge to the Pastor—Rev. C. C. Myers, and To Deliver a Charge to the Congregation—Ruling Elder H. T. Wilson.

The meeting recessed to the Sanctuary where the service of Installation was conducted in accordance with the provisions in the Book of Church Order.

The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read, corrected and approved. The Commission adjourned with prayer led by Rev. C. C. Myers.

H. T. WILSON,
Clerk of the Commission

The Commissioners to the General Assembly made their reports:

Ruling Elders W. M. Dickson, Travis Gurganius, J. A. Sloan and Rev. M. C. MacQueen and Rev. J. W. Miller. Rev. L. C. Tucker reported in writing.

The reports were received as information and the diligence of the Commissioners was commended.

Rev. J. T. Hayter requested that the Pastoral Relations between himself and the Grove and Hallsville churches be dissolved in order that he may apply for appointment in the Chaplain's corps. The churches were heard through their representatives concurring in the request. Presbytery granted the request and gave Mr. Hayter permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery (until the January meeting of Presbytery.)

The Moderator requested permission to appoint the special committee on salaries of Ministers, approved by Presbytery in the recommendations of the Council, after Presbytery had adjourned and the request was granted.

The special committee to study the proposed Plan of Union and to disseminate all information possible was appointed as follows:

Rev. W. P. Conyers III, Chairman; Rev. R. L. McBath, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Ruling Elders J. B. Boney, J. B. Huntington, J. Kyle Bannerman and W. M. Dickson.

The Standing Committee on Leave of Absence recommended that the following be excused:

Rev. L. C. Tucker and Rev. W. H. Allison from the meeting, Ed Lewis, W. F. F. Little, H. A. Parker at 3:00 p.m. and B. F. Hall at 4:15. Recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting recommended that the invitation of the Burgaw Presbyterian Church for the September meeting be accepted. Adopted.

The Rev. T. B. Ruff made the report for the committee on Resolutions of Thanks as follows: "We are most happy to have had the splendid hospitality of this church for our summer meeting.

The old church is beautifully situated in ample grounds. This large body has enjoyed a fellowship that has done us good.

The superabundance of delightful food so nicely served by the good women of the church, we can't forget soon. With grateful

hearts and some added corpulence we make our ways back home feeling that we have had a great and blessed day."

A resolution which had been presented to Presbytery at its April meeting and referred to the Stated Clerk was resubmitted to the Special Committee to make recommendations relative to the organization of the Presbytery's committee on Christian Education composed of Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Dr. Price H. Gwynn and Dr. L. A. Taylor.

A petition from the Jacksonville Presbyterian Church for permission to change its name to the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville was presented and the permission was granted.

The vote on the proposed Plan of Union was docketed for the April, 1955 meeting of the Presbytery.

A petition from the Session of the Mt. Zion Church petitioning Presbytery to transfer the title to the property used by that church from the Trustees of Presbytery to the Trustees of the Mt. Zion church was answered in the affirmative. The trustees of Presbytery: Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark and J. K. Bannerman were authorized to make the transfer.

The address delivered by the retiring Moderator, Mr. A. L. Cavenaugh was referred to the Council of Presbytery for its study and recommendations.

Rev. S. N. Thomas was nominated as Moderator of the next meeting of the Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery was authorized to write a letter requested by Mr. Lucius Gray relative to his relationship to the Presbytery in order that he might complete his training for the ministry.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. R. L. McBath.

L. A. TAYLOR, Stated Clerk
SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

Following the adjournment of Presbytery, and in accordance with its permission, the Moderator appointed the following committee to assist the churches in making the salary increases necessary to comply with the minimum salary figures adopted by the Presbytery:

George L. Mitchell, Chairman; H. A. Edwards, A. P. Cates, J. R. Marks, H. B. Kornegay, H. L. Seagrove.

STATED SESSION

The 188th Stated Session of the Presbytery of Wilmington convened at the Burgaw Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, September 28, 1954 at 10:00 a.m. and was led in a service of worship and Praise by the Moderator, Rev. George B. Williams, who also preached from the text I Corinthians 9:24-27.

Presbytery was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Rev. L. A. Taylor.

The roll was called and the following were enrolled:

Ministers—W. H. Allison, T. O. Bird, Fitzhugh Clark, P. L. Clark, W. P. Conyers III, J. S. Crowley, George W. Doherty, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, N. H. Flowers, W. H. Goodman, Jr., P. H. Gwynn, B. F. Hall, Horace Hilton, W. B. Hood, S. M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, H. J. Kaylor, C. L. Kirby, W. F. F. Little, J. A. Marrow, M. C. McQueen, M. J. McChesney, Joseph McLeod, J. W. Miller, C. C. Myers, J. C. Plexico, T. B. Ruff, N. G. Stevens, M. G. Stimpson, L. A. Taylor, J. S. Steele, S. N. Thomas, L. C. Tucker, J. W. Ware, J. S. Walkup, G. B. Williams, E. D. Witherspoon and C. W. Worth.

The following churches were enrolled by their representatives:

Baker, Wm. Dail; Bethany, D. R. Murray; Beth Car, P. H. Myers; Bethel, J. E. Albertson; Beulaville, Maurice Jackson; Black River, E. W. Reeves; Burgaw, T. J. Bradshaw; Calypso, James G. Dickson; Carolina Beach, Frank A. Robbins; Caswell, Ashley M. Murphy; Chapel on the Boardwalk, J. Howard Smith; Chinquapin, John Hollingsworth; Clarkton, S. Singletary; Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Elizabethtown, J. R. Powell; Graves Memorial, T. B. Johnson; Grove, J. L. Williams; Holly Grove, J. T. Pearsons, Sr.; Hopewell, W. T. Bannerman; Immanuel, Herbert J. Farrow; Jacksonville, G. E. Maultsby; McClure Memorial, Rex Kern; Morehead City, James W. Kellogg; Mt. Horeb, H. A. Munroe; Mt. Olive, T. R. Thigpen; Mt. Williams, R. A. Thigpen; Mt. Zion, H. E. Latham; New Hope, S. L. Purvis; Oak Plains, D. D. Williams; Pearsall Memorial, Paul Jordan; Pike, J. H. Worrell; Pineland, Troy King; Pollocksville, John H. Bender; Potts Memorial, J. L. Willoughby; Rocky Point, H. L. Webb; St. Andrews-Covenant, D. S. Carr; Smith, R. W. Wallace; Southport, C. A. Rourk; Stanford, H. C. Brogden; Stafford Memorial, David Cromartie; Teachey, E. L. Turner; Topsail, Harold Howard; Trinity, S. C. Baker; Wallace, John Powell; Warsaw, L. B. Huie; Whiteville, 1st., W. P. High; Whiteville (Westminster), E. F. Davis; Willard, E. L. English; Wildwood, J. G. Murdock, Sr.; Wilmington (First), W. M. Dickson; Wilmington (Westminster), J. L. Gorman; Winter Park, A. J. Jackson; and Woodburn, W. L. Paden. A quorum was present.

The Rev. S. N. Thomas, pastor of the Acme and Ashwood churches was elected Moderator of the Presbytery.

Mr. Fenton Miller and Mr. Richard Perkins were introduced to Presbytery, both being candidates to be examined later in the day.

Ministers, with elders who were representing their Session for the first time, introduced these Ruling Elders to the Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk presented a docket to the Presbytery which was amended and adopted.

Communications were read and disposed of as noted: From the Rev. J. T. Hayter, requesting a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Montgomery, in order that he may accept calls to churches in that Presbytery. The request was granted and the Stated Clerk authorized to send such a letter.

From the Stated Clerk of General Assembly, proposed changes in the Book of Church Order, referred to a committee on Bills and Overtures, with recommendation that they report at the January meeting of the Presbytery.

From D. T. Brandenburg, Stated Clerk of the Synod of Kentucky, a letter from the Synod of Kentucky requesting that the Presbyteries consider carefully the effects of the Reunion of the Presbyterian Churches on Border Synods, received as information.

The Report of the Council of the Presbytery was presented by the chairman, Rev. Samuel M. Houck, and was adopted as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF PRESBYTERY

The Council of the Presbytery brings its report to you with mingled emotions. We are both grateful to God and penitent before Him.

We are grateful for the evident mood of expansiveness in our Presbytery. Our churches are generally under the oversight of pastors and are carrying on programs which are designed to make the mission of the church more effective in the life of all to whom the church ministers.

Our rolls of membership are larger than ever before. Our Sunday school enrollment is greater than ever before. Our Spiritual birthrate is second highest in the Synod of N. C. Our Sunday school enrollment figures show a percentage growth second largest of any Presbytery in the Synod. These show that our Presbytery is a growing Presbytery.

Our program of Evangelism and of Home Missions grow upon us. For all of these things, we give thanks to God who calleth men through His Spirit to repentance and faith.

In the work of education our Presbytery seems to be showing signs of increased concern and effective work. Our youth conferences, both Pioneer and Senior High groups, have shown increased interest as is evident in the enlarged enrollment at camps and conferences and at the Spring rallies. The adult work of the Presbytery seems to be on the "forward march" as is evident in the largest men's rally ever held and the increased interest of churches in men's groups and in the newly organized Presbytery work for Young Adults. Of the work of the women of the church we need only remind you of the report given to our Presbytery by the President of the Women of the Presbytery at our January meeting to show its growth.

Leadership training schools are being held and well attended in various areas of the Presbytery. And to assist in leadership development the Committee on Christian Education is setting up teacher consultants in the various divisions of the church school to help teachers in local churches with

their problems. We are grateful for the excellent help given to us through the Area Worker, Mrs. William Morton, in this work.

In the other areas of the life of the Church, our Presbytery has shared in the tasks of the Synod and the General Assembly in a way which evidences our continuing and growing concern for the total program of the church. All of these things point up the fact that in our Presbytery we are a living and growing organism within the framework of the Presbyterian Church and within the larger framework of the Church Universal. For all of these marks of growth we are grateful.

But we are also penitent. For while we are growing in numbers and in other areas, we are not so sure that our Christian Witness to the world is of such a nature that our Christianity is making the impact it ought to make upon the society in which we are cast. Many problems face the Christian conscience upon which the Church ought to make its witness known. Of these we mention only a few.

First of all we mention the fact that with increased enrollment and increased membership we do not seem to have integrated these enrolled into the total life of the church. Our evangelistic task must begin once again with the Household of God, the Church, until we have brought the minds and hearts of all within our membership under subjection to the mind of Christ. And in this area we need to show a spirit of charity and of understanding for those with whom we may differ in ways which are deep and significant. Christians of all persons ought to be able to "love one another" and show regard for the viewpoints of one another, while we seek together the mind of the Spirit of God who reveals truth to us. We call upon Sessions and Church members generally to bear in mind that the conscience of a man is responsible unto God alone, and that the breaking of the middle wall of partition by the Cross of Christ makes of two one in Christ.

We would also call to the attention of the Session of the churches of the Presbytery to the problem of alcohol education, and urge that they secure and study the report of the Ad Interim committee presented to and adopted by the Synod of N. C. at its meeting in July of this year.

We would urge also that Session become once again interested in the family life of the members of the churches over which God has placed you. Problems of divorce, broken homes, sexual laxity, all are of concern to the Church and the Sessions of the churches are especially responsible to inform themselves and be of assistance to all church families which need help. We suggest that a revitalized church might come about through the officers of the church if Par. 43 in the Book of Church Order were taken seriously.

Yet another problem presents itself to our church members and to our congregations. This is the problem of our stewardship of possessions. According to the department of commerce of the U. S. Government, the average income for N. C. is almost $1,100 per capita. Now if we take our membership and multiply that by the average income for N. C. we get the staggering figure of $13,000,000. A tithe of this amount would be $1,300,000. Yet last year we gave to the church in all phases of its work less than $500,000. This is only four percent of our income and less than a half of the tithe. Last year, we gave a total of $40.96 per member to the church. In total giving to benevolences, we ranked 65th among the 84 Presbyteries, giving $10.92 per member to Benevolences. The average of the General Assembly for all giving was $57.31 and for Benevolences $13.93.

Your council does not believe that this reflects the economic position of the area served by our Presbytery in relation to other areas of our church, nor do we believe that it reflects what the Presbyterians of this Presbytery want to do and can do in the Cause of Christ and His Kingdom. We remind you that stewardship is a vital part of spiritual growth and that God's Word teaches the tithe as the beginning of our responsibility.

Your Council has sought to carry out the task assigned us at the January meeting relative to finding a grouping for the Teachey Church in order that the Mt. Zion church could have more of the time of the Pastor. So far we have not been able to come to a definite conclusion with the churches concerned, but are praying that God will give us guidance as we counsel with these churches.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the apportionment for General Assembly Benevolences $82,-148 and of Synod's apportionment of $46,952 be adopted in the following amounts:

General Assembly:

World Missions	$40,263
Church Extension	18,478
Christian Education	7,060
Annuities & Relief	5,832
General Fund	10,267
Inter-church Agencies	258
Total	$82,148

Synod:

Church Extension	$ 5,651
Homes	15,892
Christian Education	2,767
Higher Education	22,642
Total	$46,952

2. That a Presbytery budget of $54,801 be adopted as follows:

Church Extension	$ 39,170
Christian Education	919
Presbytery's Office	14,712
Total	$ 54,801
Overall Total	$183,901

3. That Presbytery approve the formula for the distribution of this budget among the churches as follows: 1/3 on the basis of membership, 1/3 on the basis of average benovelence giving over the past three years, and 1/3 on the basis of total giving over the past three years, omitting building expenses.

4. That the percentages be adopted as follows:

World Missions	22	
Assembly Church Extension	10	
Christian Education	3.9	
Annuities and Relief	3.1	
General Fund	5.6	
Inter-Church Agencies	.2	
Total General Assembly	44.8	44.8

Church Extension in Synod	3.	
Homes	8.6	
Christian Education	1.5	
Higher Education	12.3	
Total Synod	25.4	25.4
Church Extension in Presbytery	21.3	
Christian Education	.5	
Presbytery's Office	8.	
Total Presbytery	29.8	29.8
TOTAL		100.00

5. That the quotas for the various churches be as follows:

Acme	$ 1,020	Mt. Horeb	$ 611
Antioch	323	Mt. Olive	5,060
Ashwood	350	Mt. Williams	253
Baker	622	Mt. Zion	3,336
Bethany	2,038	Myrtle Grove	1,624
Beth Car	974	New Hope	770
Bethel	978	Oakdale	361
Beulaville	1,349	Oak Grove	700
Black River	978	Oak Plains	759
Bladenboro	428	Page's Mill	179
Bowden	327	Pearsall Memorial	5,057
Brunswick	580	Pike	729
Burgaw	3,065	Pineland	182
Calypso	1,525	Pink Hill	1,157
Cape Fear	1,590	Pleasant View	559
Carolina Beach	1,830	Pollocksville	1,708
Caswell	1,021	Potts Memorial	1,431
Chadbourn	2,265	Rockfish	2,410
Chapel on Boardwalk	809	Rocky Point	788
Chinquapin	1,091	St. Andrews	27,621
Clarkton	5,341	Smith	693
Croatan	400	Southport	1,020
Currie	341	South River	197
Delgado	1,396	Stanford	1,226
Elizabethtown	4,735	Stafford Memorial	422
Elkton	385	Tabor City	575
Faison	2,096	Teachey	1,284
Graves Memorial	8,625	Topsail	1,160
Grove	1,369	Trinity	822
Hallsville	1,281	Wallace	6,506
Harmony	854	Warsaw	2,770
Harper-Southerland	368	Whiteville (First)	4,769
Hebron	93	Whiteville, Westminster	5,371
Holly Grove	1,342	White Plains	543
Hopewell	1,317	Wildwood	1,036
Immanuel	5,245	Willard	653
Jacksonville	4,344	Wilmington (First)	23,332
Lake Waccamaw	1,046	Wilmington, Westminster	1,015
Maple Hill	190	Winter Park	4,764
McClure Memorial	1,204	Woodburn	1,504
Morehead City	3,358		

6. That the Treasurer of Presbytery's Contingent Fund be authorized to pay the assessment of our Presbytery for Inter-Church agencies in the Synod, i.e., the N. C. Council of Churches and the Allied Church League from Presbytery's contingent fund. (This is $194.00).
7. That every church place special emphasis upon the Stewardship season this year, conducting an Every Member Canvass and giving to every member of each church an opportunity to respond to the claims of Christ upon their money as well as their life.
8. That these budget figures shall be the total amounts expected from Our Presbytery this year. (The Session and Board of Deacons may secure the funds either through regular contributions or supplemental offerings as they deem wise, and that all contributions be sent through the Central Treasurer.)
9. That local churches be urged to consider the advantages of the Unified Budget for all organizations within the church.
10. We recommend that the Presbytery appoint a "Forward with Christ" committee to be composed of the following persons: The Chairman of the Committee on Church Extension (a) Chairman of the sub-committee on Home Missions and (b) Chairman of the sub-committee on Evangelism, Chairman of the Committee on World Missions, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, Chairman of the Council of Presbytery, President of Men of the Church, President of Sunday School Superintendents, President of Youth Council, and Representative of the Women of the Church. This committee so composed report at the January meeting of the Presbytery definite goals for our Presbytery for this three year period.
11. That the attention of Sessions be called to the "Church Planning Committee" which was approved by the last Assembly, and where needed, such a committee be appointed in local churches.
12. That the allocation to the office of Stated Clerk of Presbytery be raised from $300 to $600.
13. That we authorize the Central Treasurer of Benevolences to hold 8% of all undesignated funds to be divided at the end of each quarter among those causes which have not received a proportionate share of the total gifts to Benevolences. Distribution to be made by the Executive Committee of the Council. This percentage to be reported by the Central Treasurer to the churches on the Benevolence Receipt blanks as "Equalization Fund."

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL M. HOUCK

Upon motion of Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, the Presbytery expressed appreciation to the chairman of the Council for the work represented in this report by a standing vote.

Mr. James Harris, promotion chairman in the Presbytery for the New Orleans Man's Convention, was introduced to Presbytery and spoke relative to the convention.

Rev. G. B. Williams took the chair while the report of the committee on Homes was given by Rev. S. N. Thomas. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Presbyterian Orphan's Home

With the exception of a brief vacation during the summer, Barium Springs is a twelve months operation. As soon as school closes in the spring the boys and girls are assigned to their summer program and are kept unusually busy until school opens again in the fall.

Approximately thirty children have been admitted to the Home during the 1954 summer. Applications are on file for more spaces than are available.

At the beginning of the fall term, the staff at Barium Springs was the most nearly complete that it has been in a long time. A purchasing agent has been secured and the total buying of the institution will be done by him. Housemothers and supervisors sufficient to carry the load are on the job. The administrative force of the business office and the case work is excellent.

The Home is now in the process of erecting some Children's Cottages. These buildings have been in the planning for over twelve years, but the money has not been available for their erection. The original plan called for five buildings and money is in hand to erect only two. These new cottages will adequately care for sixteen children each and will be low one-story, fire proof buildings, made as homelike as possible for the use of the boys and girls who live in them.

The new church building is underway and will be ready for use in the summer of 1955. The new minister for the church is the Rev. Robert R. Collins who comes to Barium Springs from Sylva, N. C. where he was serving his first pastorate.

The Home has no debt and neither does it have any wealth except in the thousands of people who each year provide for the annual operation of the Home. The budget for the current year is almost identical with that of last year; therefore, the income anticipated cannot be less and meet the needs.

The entire force at Barium Springs is particularly conscious of the fact that the hand of God continues to work in the life of this Home and would earnestly request every person who loves this place to offer a prayer daily that the Will of God may be done in the lives of the boys and girls and that the leadership of this place may exemplify Jesus Christ before the student body.

Presbyterian Home, Inc.

The Board of Trustees respectfully reports the following major activities of the Presbyterian Home, Inc. during the past short year.

The Home opened its doors on January 21, 1952 and by November 4th of that year had reached its capacity of 24 members. During two and one-half years of operation, there have been only four deaths. At the present time there are 45 members living in the Home with at least two persons from each Presbytery of Synod.

In 1951, the Board of Trustees asked for and received permission to proceed with the building of the second unit of the Home. On November 11, 1953, there was a cornerstone laying ceremony preceeding the regular quarterly board meeting. On May 1, 1954, the new building was opened and new members started coming in. Within the next couple of months they will have reached their capacity of approximately 60 members.

On September 26, 1954, the formal opening of the second unit of the Home was held. Dr. James A. Jones delivered the principal address on this occasion.

William Black Home

The William Black Home was opened for the reception of guests June 1 this year under the efficient management of Mrs. Pauline A. Allen, Miss Lucy Alexander and Miss Sara Lytch. Thirty-four Commissioners of the General Assembly were entertained.

Last season the Home gave a week of free entertainment to eight of our Home Mission workers. This year they invited forty of our faithful and consecrated Home Missionaries to spend a week at Montreat as the guests of the William Black Home. Presbyterians of the Synod of North Carolina are being furnished room and board at $3.50 per day. This is made possible by the gifts of friends, income of the Home, and the budget of Synod.

All obligations of the Home have been promptly met and it is free of debt. Considerable work in and around the Home is yet to be done which will require a sizeable outlay, but the Board of Directors are confident that the friends of the Home and the Synod will continue their faithfulness in the support of this most worthy institution.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL N. THOMAS

Rev. S. N. Thomas again took the chair and the report of the committee on Special Causes, Rev. G. B. Williams, chairman, made its report. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The American Bible Society

Last year the Society placed 15,476,391 Bibles, Testaments, and Portions around the world. It produced a film, "Our Bible—How It Came to Us." The General Assembly placed $35,000.00 in the 1955 Budget for this Cause.

The Historical Foundation

The new Historical Foundation Building has been completed at Montreat, N. C., at a saving of $20,000.00. The Rev. Thomas H. Spence, Jr., was elected as Director of the Foundation for a three-year term.

Montreat

Sunday, May 29, 1955 has been designated as Montreat Day. Pastors and Sessions are asked to publicize this day and to remember Montreat and its needs in prayer.

The ad interim committee appointed at last year's General Assembly came to no agreement as to the place of Montreat College in the educational program of the church. This question was committed to an ad interim committee for still another year for study with report to be made at the 1955 Assembly. The Assembly placed $50,000.00 in its budget for the College for this year.

Stillman College

Stillman College was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools this year. It is at the present time carrying on the construction of two dormitories and a library building. $135,000.00 was added to the permanent endowment fund together with sufficient funds for the three new buildings from the successful Negro Work Campaign last year. A new charter was adopted by the Assembly.

Stillman failed to receive $17,854.00 from its assigned operating expense quota from the General Fund of the Assembly.

The services of the College continue to grow. Last year students were enrolled from all but two of the Synods of the Assembly.

The Lord's Day Alliance

The General Assembly placed in the 1955 budget the amount of $1,000.00 for the support of this Cause.

Assembly's Training School

Sunday, April 17, 1955, has been set aside as Assembly's Training School Day in the local churches. Churches are urged to use this day to become acquainted with the service being rendered by this institution in educating Directors of Christian Education.

The School had 100 students enrolled during this past year, including 5 men students.

A new Administration Building was erected without debt at a total cost of $300,000.00. An additional residence for a professor was also erected, and other improvements on the campus were made. Total assets were increased by $115,357.73.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE B. WILLIAMS, JR.,
Chairman

Rev. Wade H. Allison, Chairman of the committee on Candidates for the Ministry, presented Mr. Richard Perkins, a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary, to the Presbytery as a candidate for Licensure and Ordination.

Mr. Allison reported on the written parts of the examination and recommended that they be approved. The recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Perkins was admitted to examination.

The examination on Theology was conducted by Dr. P. H. Gwynn and was sustained.

The examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for seeking the Ministry was conducted by Rev. B. E. Dotson and was sustained.

The examination on Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by the Rev. M. J. McChesney and was sustained.

The examination on English Bible was conducted by the Rev. W. P. Conyers III, and was sustained.

A Diploma from Union Theological Seminary was accepted in lieu of examination on academic studies and the original languages of Scripture.

Mr. Perkins preached a sermon using as his text Isaiah 52:13, 53:12, which was accepted by the Presbytery.

The examination as a whole was sustained and Mr. Perkins was enrolled as a member of the Presbytery after his licensure. The examination for licensure was accepted as the examination for ordination and the following commission was appointed to complete the proceedings in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Church Order, in the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Sunday, October 10, at 11:00 a.m. Dr. L. A. Taylor, Dr. B. F. Hall, and Rev. C. C. Myers, Ruling Elder W. M. Dickson. Mr. Perkins is to be ordained as an evangelist and is given permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery as he completes his fellowship year at the Union Theological Seminary.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Leave of Absence: L. C. Tucker, W. H. Goodman and Paul Jordan:

Time and Place of Next Meeting: F. C. Hutcheson, H. J. Kaylor and F. B. Johnson.

Resolution of Thanks: J. S. Walkup, M. J. McChesney and J. H. Bender.

Bills and Overtures: Ministers—George B. Williams, Jr., Samuel M. Houck and M. C. MacQueen and Ruling Elders—W. M. Dickson and D. S. Carr.

Presbytery recessed for lunch and committee meetings after prayer by Dr. E. D. Witherspoon.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 p.m. and was led in prayer by the Rev. F. C. Hutcheson.

Rev. W. H. Allison presented to the Presbytery Mr. Fenton Miller as a candidate for the ministry to be taken under the care of Presbytery.

The examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for seeking the Ministry was conducted by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was sustained.

The Moderator proposed the questions to the candidate and after these were answered in the affirmative, the Rev. L. A. Taylor gave a charge to Mr. Miller. The proceedings were closed with prayer by the Moderator and Mr. Miller was enrolled as a candidate for the ministry under the care of the Presbytery.

The minutes of the commission to install Rev. J. A. Marrow as Pastor of the Cape Fear Church were read and admitted to record as follows:

The Commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to install Rev. James A. Marrow, Jr. as Pastor of the Cape Fear Presbyterian Church met in the Pastor's study July 25th, 1954, at 7:45 p.m.

Dr. L. A. Taylor as chairman of the Commission, called the meeting to order, the following members being present. Dr. L. A. Taylor, Rev. M.

G. Stimpson, Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Mr. W. M. Dickson, Mr. J. B. Huntington.

The meeting opened with prayer. The parts were assigned as follows: Rev. M. G. Stimpson to moderate the meeting. Dr. E. D. Witherspoon to preach the sermon. Dr. L. A. Taylor to propound the constitutional questions. Mr. J. B. Huntington to deliver the charge to the minister and Mr. W. M. Dickson to deliver the charge to the congregation. The Commission then adjourned to the church auditorium for the service. Elder S. G. Withers welcomed the members of the Commission and the friends who were present. The scripture lesson was read and prayer offered by Rev. M. G. Stimpson. The sermon was preached by Dr. E. D. Witherspoon. The constitutional questions to pastor and congregation were propounded by Dr. L. A. Taylor. Mr. J. B. Huntington delivered the charge to the Pastor and Mr. W. M. Dickson the charge to the congregation. The Rev. James A. Marrow, Jr., pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened. The minutes were approved and the Commission adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. G. Stimpson.

J. B. HUNTINGTON,
Clerk of the Commission

The minutes of the Commission to install Rev. J. C. Plexico, Pastor of the Woodburn church were read and admitted to record as follows:

The following members of the Commission (which had been previously approved by the Presbytery) met in the Woodburn Church at 7:45 p.m. on August 1, 1954, for the purpose of installing the Rev. J. Clyde Plexico as Pastor of the Church. Dr. L. A. Taylor, Dr. B. Frank Hall, Dr. W. C. Mebane, Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, and Mac F. Jones.

Dr. Taylor, the Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer. Dr. Hall accepted the invitation to deliver the sermon. Dr. Mebane gave the charge to the congregation. Dr. Taylor agreed to give the charge to the Rev. Mr. Plexico, and propound the constitutional questions. Mac F. Jones, as Elder, completed the five-man commission.

The plans for the service were properly executed. Dr. B. Frank Hall's sermon topic was "Christian Certainty," and was taken from the seventh chapter of John.

The Commission reconvened after the service, for the purpose of approving the minutes; they were so approved.

The Commission adjourned after prayer by Dr. Mebane.

Mac F. JONES,
Clerk of the Commission

The minutes of the Commission to ordain Licentiate Joseph B. MacLeod and install him as Pastor of the New Hope and Southport churches were read and are as follows:

The Commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to Ordain Licentiate Joseph B. MacLeod and install him as pastor of the New Hope and Southport churches, met at the New Hope Church on Sunday, August 15, 1954, at 4:45 p.m. Members present were: Ministers—Dr. L. A. Taylor, chairman, Dr. B. Frank Hall, Rev. C. C. Myers and Ruling Elders Dr. W. C. Mebane and Mr. A. E. Gibson. The meeting was opened with prayer. Mr. Daniel C. MacLeod, father of Joseph B. MacLeod and a Ruling Elder in the Myrtle Beach, S. C. church, was invited to sit with the Com-

mission and participate in the ceremony of Ordination. Mr. A. E. Gibson was elected Clerk of the Commission. The Commission adjourned to the Sanctuary where Dr. B. Frank Hall preached the sermon, Rev. C. C. Myers charged the pastor, Dr. L. A. Taylor presided and propounded the constitutional questions and Ruling Elder A. E. Gibson charged the congregation. After the ceremony of the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Mr. MacLeod was declared regularly ordained and installed as pastor of the New Hope church and enrolled as a member of Wilmington Presbytery, upon signing the obligations. The Commission reconvened and adjourned to meet in Southport at 8:00 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at the Southport church at 8:00 p.m. Dr. L. A. Taylor presided and propounded the constitutional questions, Dr. B. Frank Hall preached the sermon, Rev. C. C. Myers charged the pastor and Ruling Elder Dr. W. C. Mebane charged the congregation. Rev. Joseph B. MacLeod was declared regularly installed as pastor of the Southport church. Mr. MacLeod pronounced the benediction.

Following the service of installation, the Commission approved the minutes and adjourned.

A. E. GIBSON,
Clerk of the Commission

The minutes of the Commission to ordain Licentiate J. Shepard Russell, Jr., and to install him as pastor of the Lake Waccamaw and White Plains churches were read and admitted to record as follows:

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery to ordain J. Shepard Russell, Jr., and to install him as Pastor of the Lake Waccamaw and White Plains churches met in the choir room of the Lake Waccamaw church Sunday, July 25, 1954, at 2:45 p.m. Members present: Ministers—S. N. Thomas, chairman, C. W. Worth, C. L. Kirby and Ruling Elder J. M. Council, Jr.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the chairman. C. L. Kirby was elected Clerk. The parts were assigned according to the Book of Church Order as follows: Rev. S. N. Thomas to preside and propound the Constitutional Questions, Rev. C. W. Worth to charge the congregation, Ruling Elder J. M. Council, Jr., to charge the minister, and the sermon to be preached by Dr. H. W. DuBose by special invitation.

The service was warm, worshipful and inspiring to all concerned. The dignity and reverence of the hour made us keenly aware of the presence of Almighty God. His majesty was made known in the Word read and revealed as the preacher selected Acts 2:41-47 and told us how this scripture depicts "A Wonderful Church."

Following the service of Ordination and Installation, the members of the congregation and friends came forward to extend the right hand of fellowship to their new pastor.

The Commission reconvened in the choir room to read and approve the minutes. The closing prayer was led by C. W. Worth.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. KIRBY, Clerk

The minutes of the Commission to install Rev. J. S. Russell as pastor of the Elkton church were read and admitted to record as follows:

The Commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to install Rev. J. Shepard Russell as pastor of the Elkton Presbyterian church met at the church on July 25, 1954 at 7:45 p.m. Members present were: Ministers—C. W. Worth and S. N. Thomas, Ruling Elder J. M. Council, Jr.

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the chairman of the Commission, Rev. C. W. Worth. Rev. S. N. Thomas was elected Clerk of the Commission. Parts were assigned as follows: Rev. C. W. Worth to lead the worship, propound the Constitutional questions, and charge the congregation; Rev. S. N. Thomas to preach the sermon; and J. M. Council, Jr. to charge the pastor.

The Commission adjourned to the sanctuary where the duties were discharged by the members of the Commission.

The Commission reconvened following the installation service. Minutes were read and approved, and the Commission adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. N. Thomas.

S. N. THOMAS,
Clerk of the Commission

Rev. W. P. Conyers III, reported briefly on the survey now being made of the Educational Institutions of the Synod of N. C.; the report was received as information.

The Committee on Nominations made its report which was adopted as follows:

Trustees of Flora Macdonald College, Class of '57—Leslie N. Boney, Mrs. O. L. Parker, W. T. McLean, C. W. Worth.

Church Extension—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, A. L. Cavenaugh, M. J. McChesney, Norman H. Flowers.

World Missions—Fitzhugh Clark, J. C. Southerland.

Annuities and Relief—J. A. Marrow, Elder: J. G. Dickson. (H. M. Leaman—Replacing A. L. Cavenaugh—Class of 1955).

Homes—J. S. Russell, Elder: E. H. Munroe.

Marriage and Divorce—Area 1—T. O. Bird; Area 2—T. B. Ruff; Area 3—J. S. Walkup.

Records, Class of 1957—G. W. Doherty.

Assembly's Causes—J. S. Steele. (Hubert J. Kaylor to replace J. T. Hayter—Class '55).

Women of the Church—Elder A. C. Pate.

Examinations, *Sacraments and Church Government*—J. W. Miller. *Academic Studies*—W. F. F. Little, Neill G. Stevens.

Nominations—M. C. MacQueen, George Williams, S. N. Thomas, B. E. Dotson, A. L. Cavenaugh, J. K. Bannerman.

Commission on the Minister and His Work—J. W. Miller, Rufus Marks.

Christian Education—J. C. McCann, George B. Williams, Mrs. M. C. MacQueen, (J. S. Steels, Replacing Wade Allison—Class of '55), Leo Derrick, Sr., Mrs. W. J. Elkins. (Mrs. Ash Miller, Replacing Mrs. Franklin Jones—Class of '56).

Higher Education—Wade Allison, P. H. Gwynn, W. Priestley Conyers III, W. H. Goodman, J. C. Plexico, Rufus Marks, H. L. Jocelyn, C. S. Clark, Mrs. Frank W. Jones.

The Special Committee on the Revision of the Manual, Dr. L. A. Taylor, chairman, made the following recommendations which were adopted:

That the Manual of Presbytery, Section V, b. pages 6, 7 be amended to read as follows:

b—*Christian Education*—To promote the causes of Christian Education (Assembly, Synod, Presbytery). The Committee shall be composed of nine ministers and six lay persons elected by the Presbytery, the President of the Men of the Church, the Chairman of the Sunday School Superintendents Association, the President of the Youth Council. The adult advisors of the Youth Council, and all Directors of Christian Education may be invited by the Committee to serve as members of the Committee.

Sub-committees to carry on the work of the divisions of the Committee may be appointed by the Chairman.

The Committee shall meet at least annually, and at the call of the Chairman, or as directed to meet by the Council. The Committee shall make an annual written report to Presbytery, and verbal reports from time to time as occasion may demand.

c—*Higher Education*—To promote the causes of Synod's and Presbytery's Educational Institutions, Campus Christian Life, the Student Loan Fund and Candidates for the Ministry. This committee shall receive reports from the Trustees of the institutions in which the Presbytery from the Trustees or from the Institutions. It shall receive reports from all sources on the activities of Campus Christian Life and keep the work of this cause before the Presbytery. It shall have the direct contacts with and supervision of Candidates for the Ministry and shall approve all applications for Loans from the Student Loan Fund of the Assembly.

This committee shall be composed of five ministers and four lay persons elected by the Presbytery. Sub-committees to carry on the work of the divisions of the Committee on Higher Education may be appointed by the Chairman.

This committee shall meet at least annually and at the call of the chairman. It shall make an annual written report to the Presbytery and verbal reports as occasions may arise.

DR. L. A. TAYLOR, Chairman
DR. E. D. WITHERSPOON
DR. PRICE H. GWYNN

The Special Committee on Records made the following recommendation:

That the Committee on Records remain at three persons, to be augmented by nine additional persons appointed by the Moderator to serve at the January meeting of Presbytery. And that the committee on records be instructed to prepare a questionnaire to be mailed to Clerks of Sessions in time for the Clerks of Sessions to use them as a guide in checking their records. The recommendation was adopted.

The Standing Committee on Leave of Absence reported as follows:

Excused for the day: Rev. J. S. Russell, Rev. R. L. McBath, Rev. J. C. McCann. At 1:30, Rev. J. W. Ware and Elder Frank Robbins, at 3:00, Rev. Norman Flowers and Elder L. B. Huie, at 4:00, Rev. J. W. Miller and Ruling Elder E. Singletary. Rev. L. C. Tucker, chairman.

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting reported that the Willard Church had invited the Presbytery to meet there for the January meeting. The committee recommended that the invitation be accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions of Thanks, Rev. J. S. Walkup, chairman, reported as follows: The Presbytery of Wilmington in session at Burgaw, N. C., September 28, 1954, would express its gratitude to God for His presence and guidance in this session, for His Spirit at work in the churches and for his power manifested in the hearts of His people.

The Presbytery would express its thanks to the Burgaw church, to the session and the Board of Deacons, the women of the church, the organist, and the pastor for the very fine way in which Presbytery was enabled to transact its business, for the abundant and delicious food served at the noon hour, and for the privilege of meeting here.

We would express our thanks to the retiring Moderator for the message of the morning, and to candidate Perkins for the message of the afternoon; to the Moderator for his fine leadership and the dispatch with which he conducted the business of the day.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. WALKUP, Chairman

W. P. Conyers III, made an oral report for the Special Committee to study the Plan of Union, requesting that all sessions make a careful study of the Plan itself. The report was received as information.

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon made the following recommendation for the Committee on Church Extension:

1. That Presbytery authorize the Committee on Church Extension to borrow $7,500.00 for the erection of the Havelock Manse and that the Trustees of Presbytery, Walter P. Sprunt, J. H. Clark and J. K. Bannerman, be authorized to execute note and deed of trust on the manse property to secure this loan.

2. That approval be given to the application of the Caswell Church to the Board of Church Extension for a loan of $15,000.

3. That the Trustees of Presbytery, Walter P. Sprunt, J. H. Clark and J. K. Bannerman be instructed to sell the Northeast Chapel at Jacksonville for the sum of $500.00.

These recommendations were adopted.

A motion that the Stated Clerk notify all persons elected to serve on Committees of Presbytery immediately after their election, and of the name of the Chairman of the Committee to which they have been elected was adopted by the Presbytery. Rev. M. G. Stimpson was nominated as Moderator of the January meeting of the Presbytery.

The minutes of today's session were read, amended and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

MAY 28, 1954

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Wilmington met in the St. Andrew-Covenant church, Wilmington, N. C., on May 28, at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Jack W. Ware, the last Moderator present, presided. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Rev. Jerry C. McCann.

The following members were enrolled:

P. L. Clark, S. M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, C. L. Kirby, C. C. Myers, J. C. McCann, M. J. McChesney, J. S. Steele, M. G. Stimpson, L. A. Taylor, J. W. Ware, J. D. Withrow.

The following churches were enrolled by their representatives:

Delgado—W. C. Scoggins, Woodburn—Mac F. Jones

A quorum being present, the Permanent Clerk read the Call for the meeting which was found in order and made the docket for the meeting. It is as follows:

To dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. J. D. Withrow and the Woodburn church and grant to Mr. Withrow a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Fayetteville; to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Lardner C. Moore and grant to Mr. Moore permission to labor outside of the boundaries of the Presbytery under the directions of the Board of World Missions.

The Rev. J. D. Withrow requested the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the Woodburn church and grant to him a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Fayetteville in order that he may accept the call of the First church, Fayetteville to become Assistant Pastor. Ruling Elder Mac F. Jones told of congregational meeting at which the Congregation concurred with the request, although with sincere regrets. The request was granted, effective June 1, 1954. The Stated Clerk was ordered to send a letter of transfer to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and with it a letter of commendation.

The Rev. Lardner C. Moore told of his commission by the Board of World Missions for service in Japan, and requested the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between himself and the Cape Fear church in order that he may accept the call of the Board of World Missions. The request was granted. Mr. Moore was granted permission to labor outside of the boundaries of this Presbytery, under the directions of the Board of World Missions. The Stated Clerk was ordered to send a letter of commendation, in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, to the Board of World Missions.

The Minutes of the meeting were read and approved. Presbytery was adjourned with prayer, led by Rev. J. W. Ware.

S. M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
JUNE 11, 1954

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Wilmington met in the Educational Building of the St. Andrews-Covenant church of Wilmington, Friday, June 11, 1954, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Rev. W. H. Allison, the last Moderator present, and opened with prayer by Rev. C. C. Myers.

The following ministers were enrolled:

W. H. Allison, W. H. Goodman, Jr., M. J. McChesney, T. B. Ruff, M. G. Stimpson, C. C. Myers, L. A. Taylor, S. N. Thomas, E. D. Witherspoon.

The following churches were enrolled by representative:

Winter Park, H. R. Mason.

The call for the meeting was read, approved and adopted as the docket. The call was as follows:

1. Grant to Rev. James A. Nisbet a Certificate of Dismissal to the Presbytery of North Mississippi.
2. Receive Rev. Horace H. Hilton and appoint a Commission to install him as pastor of the Winter Park Church.
3. Deal with matters that may grow out of the above.

A letter from Rev. James A. Nisbet requesting a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of North Mississippi was read by the Stated Clerk. The request was granted and the Stated Clerk was instructed to issue the certificate and mail it to Mr. Nisbet.

A Certificate of Dismissal from the Presbytery of Knoxville for Rev. Horace H. Hilton was presented by the Stated Clerk, along with the certificate of approval from the Commission on the Minister and His work of the Presbytery. Mr. Hilton was admitted to examination. The examination in Experimental Religion was conducted by Rev. W. H. Allison and was sustained. The examination in Theology was conducted by Rev. T. B. Ruff and was sustained.

The examination in Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by Rev. M. J. McChesney and was sustained.

The examination as a whole was sustained and Mr. Hilton was enrolled as a member of the Presbytery pending the signing of the Minister's Obligations.

A call for the pastoral services of Mr. Hilton from the Winter Park church was read, found in order and placed into his hands. He indicated his acceptance and the following commission was appointed to install him as pastor of the church on June 20, 1954, at 8:00 p.m.

Rev. L. A. Taylor to Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions, Rev. J. W. Ware to Preach the Sermon, Rev. C. C. Myers to Deliver the Charge to the Pastor, Ruling Elder H. T. Wilson to Deliver the Charge to the Congregation.

The Minutes of the meeting were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. H. Allison.

SAMUEL N. THOMAS,
Acting Permanent Clerk

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING

AUGUST 31, 1954

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Wilmington met at the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C., Tuesday, August 31, 1954, at 2:30 p.m. L. A. Taylor, the last Moderator present, called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

The following persons were enrolled:

Ministers— L. A. Taylor, M. G. Stimpson, B. F. Hall, S. N. Thomas, J. B. MacLeod, M. J. McChesney, S. M. Houck; Ruling Elders—W. M. Dickson, Alex Strickland.

A quorum was present and the meeting was constituted by prayer.

The call for the meeting was read, found in order, and adopted as the docket as follows:

To authorize and direct its trustees: Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark, J. K. Bannerman, to transfer from the trustees of Wilmington Presbytery to the trustees of the Acme Presbyterian church property now being held by the Presbytery for the Acme church, the property to be used as a site for a new building by the Acme church.

The motion, duly made, seconded and carried is as follows:

That the Presbytery of Wilmington authorize and direct its trustees; Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark, J. K. Bannerman, to transfer title to the trustees of the Acme Presbyterian church; A. O. Burns, Alex Strickland, Charles Ray, title to Property in Riegelwood, Columbus County, N. C. which was donated by the Riegel-Carolina Company for a church site.

There being no further business, the Minutes of the meeting were read and approved and the meeting adjourned with prayer led by Rev. J. B. MacLeod.

L. A. TAYLOR,
Stated Clerk

DIRECTORY

Moderator: July meeting, Rev. George B. Williams, Jr., September meeting, Rev. Samuel N. Thomas.

Stated Clerk, Executive Secretary, Treasurer: Dr. L. A. Taylor.

Permanent Clerk: Rev. Samuel M. Houck.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark, and J. Kyle Bannerman.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1955—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, 1956—Rev. M. C. MacQueen.

TRUSTEES OF PEACE COLLEGE

1955—Rev. William Hood, 1956—Addis P. Cates.

TRUSTEES OF FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

1955—J. Rufus Marks, E. L. Derrick, D. M. Calhoun, Dallas Herring.

1956—Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. J. W. Miller, Mr. J. A. Love, Dr. W. C. Mebane.

1957—Leslie N. Boney, Mrs. O. L. Parker, W. T. McLean, C. W. Worth.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Chairman; Rev. Norman P. Farrior, Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Mrs. E. N. Pittman, Mrs. D. D. Clark, Miss Mary Mac Witherspoon, Mr. Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Mr. Frank S. Wilson, Mr. H. E. Latham, Mr. Hugh Oosterwyk, Mr. H. M. Dickens and Mr. W. E. Perdew.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Chairman

1955—Dr. B. Frank Hall, Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, Mr. Hugh Johnson.

1956—Rev. W. Priestley Conyers III, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Mr. L. B. Huie, Mrs. J. N. Clark.

1957—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, A. L. Cavenaugh, M. J. McChesney, Norman H. Flowers.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Home Missions: Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Chairman; Rev. M. J. McChesney, Rev. Priestley Conyers III, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Rev. Charles W. Worth, Mr. Fred E. Little, Mr. Melvin Cording, Mr. A. L. Cavenaugh, Mrs. J. N. Clark.

Evangelism: Dr. W. C. Mebane, Chairman; Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Mr. Hugh Johnson, Mrs. Glasgow Hicks.

Christian Relations: Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, Chairman; Rev. W. B. Hood, Mr. L. B. Huie.

Negro Work: Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Chairman; Rev. Jerry C. McCann.
Radio: Dr. B. Frank Hall, Chairman; Rev. Norman H. Flowers, Rev. John Steele, Mr. H. M. Leaman.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Chairman

1955—Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Rev. John S. Steele, Rev. Robert L. McBath, Mrs. D. D. Clark.
1956—Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Rev. J. S. Walkup, Rev. J. W. Ware, Mr. Algie Sutton, Mrs. Ash Miller.
1957—Rev. J. C. McCann, Rev. George Williams, Mrs. M. C. MacQueen, Mr. Leo Derrick, Sr., Mrs. W. J. Elkins.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Children's Work: Rev. J. C. McCann, Chairman.
Senior High Work: Rev. Jack W. Ware, Chairman.
Pioneer Work: Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Chairman.
Men's Work: Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Chairman.
Young Adult Work:
Leadership Education: Rev. J. S. Walkup, Chairman.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Rev. Wade H. Allison, Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Rev. Priestley Conyers III, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, Mr. Rufus Marks, Mr. H. L. Joslyn, C. S. Clark, Mrs. Frank W. Jones.

WORLD MISSIONS

Rev. Norman P. Farrior, Chairman

1955—Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor, Mr. W. A. Patterson.
1956—Rev. Norman P. Farrior, Mr. D. M. Calhoun.
1957—Rev. Fitzhugh Clark, Mr. Henry Southerland.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Chairman

1955—Rev. W. F. F. Little, Mr. H. M. Leamon.
1956—Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Mr. H. M. Johnson.
1957—Rev. James A. Marrow, Mr. J. G. Dickson.

HOMES

Rev. Jerry C. McCann, Chairman

1955—Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Mrs. P. R. Smith.
1956—Rev. Jerry C. McCann, Mr. D. A. Boyette.
1957—Rev. J. Shepherd Russell, Mr. E. H. Munroe.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Rev. B. E. Dotson, Chairman

Area 1—Rev. Walter H. Goodman (55), Rev. B. E. Dotson (56), Rev. Taylor O. Bird (57).

Area 2—Dr. B. Frank Hall (55), Rev. Samuel M. Houck (56), Rev. Thomas B. Ruff (57).

Area 3—Rev. Robert L. McBath (55), Rev. F. C. Hutcheson (56), Rev. J. S. Walkup (57).

AUDITS

1956—W. E. Perdew, R. C. Platt, Jr., Jordan Sloan.

RECORDS

Rev. Thomas B. Ruff, Chairman

1955—Mr. W. M. Dickson

1956—Rev. Thomas B. Ruff.

1957—Rev. G. W. Doherty.

ASSEMBLY'S CAUSES

Rev. Geo. B. Williams, Jr., Chairman

1955—Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor.

1956—Rev. George B. Williams.

1957—Rev. John S. Steele.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Jack W. Ware, Chairman

1955—Rev. George W. Doherty.

1956—Rev. Jack W. Ware.

1957—Mr. A. C. Pate.

EXAMINATIONS

Dr. B. Frank Hall, Chairman

Theology—1955, Dr. B. Frank Hall; 1956, Dr. Price H. Gwynn.

Experimental Religion—1955, Rev. M. C. MacQueen; 1956, Rev. B. E. Dotson.

Sacraments and Church Government—1955, Rev. M. J. McChesney; 1957, J. W. Miller.

English Bible—1955, Dr. E. D. Witherspoon; 1956, Rev. W. Priestley Conyers III.

Academic Studies—1957, Rev. W. F. F. Little; 1957, Rev. Neill G. Stevens.

NOMINATIONS

1955—Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Rev. George B. Williams, Rev. S. N. Thomas, Rev. B. E. Dotson, Mr. A. L. Cavenaugh, Mr. J. K. Bannerman.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1955—Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Rev. N. P. Farrior.

1956—Rev. Charles W. Worth, Dr. W. C. Mebane.

1957—Rev. J. W. Miller, Mr. Rufus Marks.

NAME OF CHURCH	CLERK OF SESSION	GEN. TREAS.	BEN. TREAS
Acme	J. D. Dailey Acme, N. C.	E. L. McNair Acme, N. C.	Same
Antioch	Alice S. Caulk Rt. 1, Jacksonville, N. C.	Mr. J. D. Burton 25 Tallman St., Jacksonville, N. C.	Same
Ashwood	C. L. Braddy Council, N. C.	Paul Campbell Council, N. C.	Same
Baker	Granger Tadlocks Rt. 4, Mt. Olive, N. C.	B. C. Thigpen Rt. 4, Mt. Olive, N. C.	Same
Bethany	H. B. Rivenbark RFD 1, Box 65, Wilmington, N. C.	G. G. Thomas 3705 Stratford Ave., Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Beth Car	Mr. A. H. Singletary Tar Heel, N. C.	Mr. C. O. McNair, Jr. Tar Heel, N. C.	Same
Bethel	Arthur Wood Chinquapin, N. C.	Mrs. Graham Reece Chinquapin, N. C.	Same
Beulaville	R. V. Cupp Beulaville, N. C.	Aubrey Johnston Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Black River	E. W. Reeves Ivanhoe, N. C.	William Corbett Ivanhoe, N. C.	Same
Bladenboro	J. F. Davis Bladenboro, N. C.	Mrs. E. L. Edwards Bladenboro, N. C.	Same
Bowden	Herman Taylor RFD Faison, N. C.	Mrs. J. H. Moore Bowden, N. C.	Same
Brunswick	R. A. Powell Brunswick, N. C.	A. B. Powell Brunswick, N. C.	Same
Burgaw	T. T. Murphy Burgaw, N. C.	C. F. Mallard, Jr. Burgaw, N. C.	Same
Calypso	Leon Flowers Calypso, N. C.	S. D. Davis Calypso, N. C.	Same
Cape Fear			
Carolina Beach	C. F. Cameron Box 765, Carolina Beach, N. C.	C. T. Strickland Box 618A, Carolina Beach, N. C.	Same
Caswell	Graham Shaw Atkinson, N. C.		
Chadbourn	J. M. Jackson Box 346, Chadbourn, N. C.	H. G. McQueen Box 302, Chadbourn, N. C.	Same
Chapel on Boardwalk	Mr. Edward Mallory Wrightsville Beach, N. C.	Mr. M. J. Hudgens Route 3, Box 316, Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Chinquapin	George F. Landen Chinquapin, N. C.	Joseph Williams Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Clarkton	C. S. Clark Clarkton, N. C.	I. A. Singletary Clarkton, N. C.	Same
Croatan	C. L. Hughes Rt. 4, New Bern, N. C.	Miss Leona Tolson Rt. 4, New Bern, N. C.	Same
Currie	H. C. Walker Currie, N. C.	Mr. Marvin Richards Currie, N. C.	Same
Delgado	W. C. Scoggins 1909 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.	R. V. Hardison 1414 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Elizabethtown	D. M. Calhoun Elizabethtown, N. C.	H. C. Clark Elizabethtown, N. C.	Same
Elkton	W. J. Elkins Rt. 2, Clarkton, N. C.	Mrs. W. J. Elkins Rt. 2, Clarkton, N. C.	Same
Faison	A. P. Cates Faison, N. C.	M. C. Bowden Faison, N. C.	Same
Graves Memorial	Mr. F. B. Johnson Clinton, N. C.	Mr. R. J. Hubbard Clinton, N. C.	Same

NAME OF CHURCH	CLERK OF SESSION	GEN. TREAS.	BEN. TREAS
Grove			
Hallsville	Andrew H. Miller RFD 2, Kenansville, N. C.	Leonard Kennedy RFD 1, Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Harmony	R. E. Pendergrass Tomahawk, N. C.	D. G. Shaw Kerr, N. C.	Same
Harper-Southerland	Nick Smith Pink Hill, N. C.	Nick Smith Pink Hill, N. C.	Same
Hebron			
Holly Grove	Mr. Romie Williamson RFD 4, Clinton, N. C.	Mr. Irvin Ross RFD 2, Clinton, N. C.	Same
Hopewell	J. S. Newkirk RFD, Watha, N. C.	Horace Murray RFD, Burgaw, N. C.	Same
Immanuel	Mr. H. Tuttle Wilson 1414 S. 4th St., Wilmington, N. C.	Mr. Tom L. Jacobs 1107 S. 3rd St., Wilmington, N. C.	Mr. M. J. Broughton 309 Greenfield St., Wilmington, N. C.
Jacksonville (First)	Raymond Marshall 31 Bayshore Blvd., Jacksonville, N. C.	J. A. Lee South Shore Dr., Jacksonville, N. C.	Same
Lake Waccamaw	John Council Wananish, N. C.	P. G. Sutton Lake Waccamaw, N. C.	Same
Maple Hill	S. A. Lanier Maple Hill, N. C.	Fred W. Harrell Maple Hill, N. C.	Same
McClure Memorial	E. J. Scott Rt. 1, Rocky Point, N. C.	P. H. Braak Castle Hayne, N. C.	Same
Mt. Horeb	Homer Munroe Rt. 2, Council, N. C.	Radford Allen Rt. 2, Council, N. C.	Same
Mt. Olive	T. N. McGee Mt. Olive, N. C.	Reath Jones Mt. Olive, N. C.	Same
Mt. Williams	R. A. Thigpen Burgaw, N. C.	R. F. Humphrey Burgaw, N. C.	R. A. Thigpen Burgaw, N. C.
Mt. Zion	M. L. Carr Rose Hill, N. C.	Horace Fussell Rose Hill, N. C.	Same
Myrtle Grove	T. C. Gurganus Rt. 2, Box 142, Wilmington, N. C.	A. P. Faulkner Rt. 2, Box 383A, Wilmington, N. C.	Same
New Hope	D. R. Johnson Winnabow, N. C.	Mrs. Thomas Rabon Winnabow, N. C.	Same
Oakdale	Roland Robeson White Ook, N. C.	C. M. Davis White Oak, N. C.	Same
Oak Grove	R. H. Ellis Rt. 2, Box 505AA, Wilmington, N. C.	T. W. Fogleman Rt. 2, Box 476, Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Oak Plains	Heman Hall Rose Hill, N. C.	Robert Ward RFD, Rose Hill, N. C.	Same
Page's Mill	James Batten RFD, Chadbourn, N. C.	Dock Williams RFD, Chadbourn, N. C.	Same
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Pineland	Mr. Troy King RFD, Maple Hill, N. C.	Mr. Troy King RFD, Maple Hill, N. C.	Same
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Pleasant View	Durham Grady Albertson, N. C.	Lawrence Mewborn Albertson, N. C.	Robert Grady Pink Hill, N. C.
Pollocksville	R. P. Bender Pollocksville, N. C.	F. T. Bender Pollocksville, N. C.	Same
Potts Memorial	J. C. Southerland Willard, N. C.	W. T. Sutton Willard, N. C.	Same

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South River			
Stafford Memorial	J. J. Stafford, Jr. Garland, N. C.	Harold B. Lamb Garland, N. C.	Same
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(Listed in the order in which they were received)

1—P. L. Clark
2—J. L. Fairly
3—C. C. Myers
4—D. L. Williamson (F.M.)
5—J. W. Miller
6—J. S. Crowley (H.R.)
7—M. C. MacQueen
8—E. B. Carr (H.R.)
9—B. E. Dotson
10—N. P. Farrior
11—W. H. Allison
12—F. M. Thompson (H.R.)
13—E. D. Witherspoon
14—L. A. Taylor
15—W. B. Hood
16—F. W. Lewis (H.R.)
17—W. H. Goodman, Jr.
18—B. F. Hall
19—M. G. Stimpson
20—Neill G. Stevens
21—R. L. McBath
22—W. F. F. Little
23—J. W. Ware
24—L. C. Tucker
25—S. M. Houck
26—M. J. McChesney
27—P. H. Gwynn
28—T. B. Ruff
29—Preston C. Oliver
30—S. N. Thomas
31—F. C. Hutcheson
32—J. C. McCann
33—H. J. Kaylor
34—T. O. Bird
35—G. W. Doherty
36—N. H. Flowers
37—L. C. Moore (F.M.)
38—C. L. Kirby
39—J. F. Clark
40—C. W. Worth
41—J. S. Steele
42—J. S. Walkup
43—H. H. Hilton
44—J. C. Plexico
45—J. A. Marrow
46—J. B. MacLeod
47—J. S. Russell
48—R. F. Perkins
49—B. L. Rose
50—A. G. Harris, Jr.

CHURCHES

Name, Year Organized

Acme, 1892
Antioch, 1925
Ashwood, 1922
Baker, 1934
Bethany, 1944
Beth Car, 1819
Bethel, 1924
Beulaville, 1917
Black River, 1740
Bladenboro, 1889
Bowden, 1905
Brunswick, 1947
Burgaw, 1879
Calypso, 1903
Cape Fear, 1944
Carolina Beach, 1943
Caswell, 1858
Chadbourn, 1897
Chapel on Boardwalk, 1952
Chinquapin, 1884
Clarkton, 1795
Croatan, 1884
Currie, 1914
Delgado, 1916
Elizabethtown, 1834
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Faison, 1857
Graves Mem., 1838
Grove, 1736
Hallsville, 1900
Harmony, 1887
Harper-South'd, 1945
Hebron, 1886
Holly Grove, 1914
Hopewell, 1800
Immanuel, 1895
Jacksonville, 1911
Lake Waccamaw, 1921
Maple Hill, 1887
McClure Mem., 1940
Mt. Horeb, 1843
Mt. Olive, 1878
Mt. Williams, 1845
Mt. Zion, 1858
Myrtle Grove, 1944
New Hope, 1889
Oakdale, 1933
Oak Grove, 1952
Oak Plains, 1859
Page's Mill, 1946
Pearsall Mem., 1914
Pike, 1856
Pineland, 1953
Pink Hill, 1917
Pleasant View, 1924
Pollocksville, 1868
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Rockfish, 1756
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Westminster (Wilmington), 1954
White Plains, 1850
Whiteville First, 1869
Wildwood, 1898
Willard, 1915
Wilmington First, 1817
Winter Park, 1913
Woodburn, 1924

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Richard Bethune, Wilbur Boice, Eugene Davis, Clifton Dixon, Archie Faires, Lucius Gray, James Miller, Adolf Otersen, George Powell, Eugene Witherspoon.

STATED SESSION

The 189th Stated Session of the Presbytery of Wilmington convened at the Willard Presbyterian Church, Willard, N. C., January 18, 1955, at 10:00 a.m. The Moderator, Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, led the meeting in worship and preached a sermon from Romans 12:4-8, "The Meaning and Mission of the Church."

Following the sermon, Presbytery observed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with Rev. H. H. Hilton and Rev. Charles S. McChesney presiding at the Table.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. C. L. Kirby. The following were enrolled:

Ministers: W. H. Allison, T. O. Bird, Fitzhugh Clark, J. S. Crowley, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, N. H. Flowers, W. H. Goodman, Jr., P. H. Gwynn, B. F. Hall, W. B. Hood, S. M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, H. J. Kaylor, C. L. Kirby, W. F. F. Little, J. A. Marrow, Jr., M. C. MacQueen, R. L. McBath, J. C. McCann, C. S. McChesney, M. J. McChesney, Joseph MacLeod, J. W. Miller, C. C. Myers, J. C. Plexico, J. S. Russell, T. B. Ruff, N. G. Stevens, M. G. Stimpson, L. A. Taylor, J. S. Steele, S. N. Thomas, L. C. Tucker, J. W. Ware, J. S. Walkup, E. D. Witherspoon and C. W. Worth.

Churches were enrolled by representatives as follows:

Antioch, James W. Brown; Baker, Albert Cox; Beth Car, P. H. Myers; Black River, G. E. Fisler; Bladenboro, J. B. Chandler; Brunswick, W. L. Ellen; Burgaw, D. N. Lucas; Calypso, H. B. Kornegay; Chadbourn, J. C. Currie; Chapel on the Boardwalk, McCray Root; Chinquapin, J. F. Futrell; Clarkton, G. H. Munroe; Currie, H. C. Walker; Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Elizabethtown, W. M. Flournoy; Graves Memorial, P. G. Bunn; Grove, S. L. Ferrell; Hallsville, J. D. Evans; Harper-Southerland, Nick Smith; Holly Grove, A. G. Williams; Hopewell, N. B. Murray; Immanuel, Percy West; Jacksonville, F. S. Wilson; Lake Waccamaw, John Council; McClure Memorial, A. F. Wells; Morehead City, H. L. Joslyn; Mt. Horeb, Clark Allen; Mt. Olive, W. R. Loflin; Mt. Williams, R. A. Thigpen; Mt. Zion, R. S. Troy; Myrtle Grove, Norwood Bender; Oak Grove, J. W. Vogels; Oak Plains, A. C. Newkirk; Pearsall Memorial, Paul Jordan; Pike, Wiley Batson; Pineland, Troy King; Pollocksville, R. P. Bender; Potts Memorial, D. G. Murphy; Rockfish, Julius Wells; Rocky Point, H. L. Webb; St. Andrews-Covenant, H. H. Matthews; Southport, C. W. Rourk; Smith, Ray Smith; Stanford, Ralph A. Jones; Teachey, J. B. Wells; Trinity, W. W. Preston; Wallace, J. K. Blanchard; Warsaw, L. B. Huie; Whiteville, First, W. G. Prevatte; Westminster (Whiteville), H. M. Leamon; Wildwood, James G. Murdock; Willard, C. T. Carr; Wilmington, First, L. N. Boney, Sr.; Westminster (Wilmington), C. P. Gorman; Winter Park, W. C. Mebane.

A quorum was present.

Rev. M. G. Stimpson was elected moderator by acclamation.

Presbytery excused the members of the Committee on Higher Education to meet with a young man seeking admission to the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Ruling Elders representing Sessions at a meeting of Presbytery for the first time were introduced by their respective pastors, and welcomed to Presbytery.

A docket was presented to the Presbytery, amended and adopted.

The following communications were read:

From Rev. W. P. Conyers III, requesting that the pastoral relations between himself and the First Presbyterian Church of Morehead City and the Wildwood churches be dissolved, and that he be given a letter of dismissal to Kings Mountain Presbytery. After hearing from the churches concurring in the request, Presbytery granted the request.

Presbytery took note of the irregularity in the action of the First Presbyterian Church of Morehead City in calling a pastor before the relations between itself and the former pastor were dissolved by the Presbytery, and the following resolution was adopted:

"That the irregularity be called to the special attention of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, with the request that every precaution be taken to guard against a recurrence of this procedure."

Presbytery then ratified the call of the Congregation to Rev. Albert G. Harris, Jr., effective after the dissolution of the pastoral relationship with Mr. Conyers. A request from Candidate G. Fenton Miller that he be given a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Harmony, Synod of S. C. was granted.

A letter from Dr. Claude H. Pritchard reporting on the work of Chaplain P. C. Oliver was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

A communication from the Synod of Texas relative to the Union of the Presbyterian churches was referred to the Committee to study the plan of union, to be read in connection with that report.

A special committee to study the salaries of Ministers, Mr. George Mitchell, chairman, sent in a written report which was adopted as follows:

Referring to your joint communication on September 8, 1954, advising as to action taken by Wilmington Presbytery at its July 1954 meeting on the subject of minimum salaries of Ministers and as to appointment by the Moderator of a committee to go into the subject of a further step-up in minimum salaries of Ministers in the Presbytery, that is, for married Ministers from $3,600 to $3,900 per annum, plus manse, plus Annuity Fund payment, and for single Ministers from $3,300 to $3,600 plus Annuity Fund payment; also to our several discussions of the matter:

I find that I will have to be in Chicago on the date of the January meeting of Wilmington Presbytery and cannot report in person for the Committee; therefore, I am hereby submitting its report. All churches in Wil-

mington Presbytery which did not conform to the higher minimum salaries when adopted by Presbytery last July are now meeting the present, higher, applicable minimum salaries, in view of which attainment the Committee respectfully requests its discharge.

Very sincerely,
GEO. L. MITCHELL,
Chairman

The Presbytery discharged this committee with thanks for the work it had done. From Dr. J. G. Patton, relative to the "Forward with Christ" program, received as information.

The following persons were appointed temporarily to the standing committee to examine sessional records:

Ministers: W. H. Goodman, Jr., C. S. McChesney, T. O. Bird, and N. H. Flowers. Ruling Elders: C. W. Wilson, D. N. Lucas, H. M. Wells, P. C. West, W. C. Scoggins and H. L. Webb.

The Permanent committee on World Missions presented its annual report which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD MISSIONS
TO WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY—JANUARY 18, 1955

The mission work of our Church beyond our national borders is too vast and too variegated to be presented vividly and impressively in a report spottedly covering the whole, and given in a few minutes. The additions of new fields of work, and changing problems in the old fields demand a continuing and continuous attention to this great field of our Church's responsibility. Only brief comment will be made on our several fields.

Africa: In our ten stations, in a field of 1,800,000 people, we have 156 foreign workers, 71,486 communicants, with 4,204 additions last year.

Some encouraging features of this work are: The increasing maturity of the native Church, an increased activity and interest of the young people, and for the women, in the Church's program, and the growth in educational work.

Discouraging features are: Those conditions always posed by heathenism, complicated by a mixture of materialistic Western Civilization, which is infiltrating the jungle, with its Western sins and the old gods of money and pleasure, dressed in Western garb of modern design; and the hard indifference that grows out of this state of things.

Brazil: Our three missions in Brazil, with a native Church behind them, a native Church that has grown out of mission work, but now independent and growing in vision and accomplishment, are devoting their energies principally to enlarging and strengthening their educational institutions, and trying to keep up with the opportunities for new work in the rapidly developing new frontiers of the country. An air plane is used to reach new towns that are out of reach by highway.

Population of our field 5,000,000, foreign workers 69, about 5,400 communicants, additions last year 864. These figures do not include any members of the native Church.

China-Formosa: Some of our missionaries who had to leave China when the field was closed, are now in Formosa. They first worked with Canadian Presbyterian missionaries, but recently our own work has been organized

there. This work is among three separate groups of people: The ancient people of the island, the descendents of Chinese immigrants and the Chinese refugees from the mainland.

Japan: The recovery of national spirit of the Japanese from the shock of defeat and occupation is changing the attitude somewhat of the Japanese toward the Americans. However, a Japanese has more freedom in turning from Buddhism or Shintoism than he had before the war.

Evangelistic work goes on in all fields, a new feature being the use of radio broadcasts of the Gospel, which have proven effective.

Educational work centers in four important colleges and schools.

Medical work is just beginning.

More mission personnel is needed, and more boarding homes for Christian students attending government schools.

Korea: The national Church has suffered a division, which has been hurtful; but which shows signs of lessening. Bible schools and Bible study are still points of great emphasis.

In medical work the Mission has worked in three special fields, beside its general practice: With amputees, with lepers and with tubercular patients.

Relief work has been a large feature.

Mexico: Two trends are noticeable here: Increased activity of the Roman Catholic Church and lessened persecution of Protestants.

There has been some tension within the National Presbyterian Churches down there, but it appears that no split will occur. Mexicans are people who take their convictions seriously and they make strong and loyal Presbyterians.

Our Mission works closely with the National Church and the evangelistic work is encouraging.

Our educational work centers in religious schools, the seminary, in which we participate, and the Bible schools and in boarding homes for Christian students at government schools.

Our medical work has grown very much. The new hospital in Morelia is a splendid institution. Room for 90 patients, 4 doctors (native), a Nurses Training School, affiliated with the University, and dental service. In Ometepec, Dr. Boyce is doing a fine clinical work and by plane he visits remote villages, healing bodies and breaking down prejudice against the Gospel.

In collaboration with other Churches we have work in Portugal and Equador. Rev. Herbert Meza, for a while minister in our church at Jacksonville, is our representative in the seminary in Portugal.

The work in Equador is among the Quecha-speaking Indians of the Piqualqui tribe, who live high up in the Andes mountains, 8 to 15 thousand feet. They are aloof, sullen and suspicious of white men. They have had plenty of reason for being so. Our work has gone on in teaching better agriculture, health work and schools to improve the life of the people and win their confidence. Some of them have been baptized.

Overseas Relief: This is a department of our World Missions. Our Church is one of those which form CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, and our relief work is done through this agency. Many of our missionaries aid in the distribution of goods and various supplies. Our Church recommends

contributing through this agency rather than through numerous others which advertise very much. Through this agency we administered:

Funds	$138,786.39
Estimated value of material relief	196,000.00
Estimated value of Crop	15,000.00

This committee recommends:

1. That the special season of prayer and self-denial for World Missions be observed and the study of World Missions be studied as the General Assembly recommends.

2. That Presbytery request the Men of the Church of the Presbytery, and the Young People of Presbytery with their advisors to consider arranging for the theme of the program of their Presbytery-wide rallies be World Missions at least once in three years and bring this to the attention of the Presbyterian Education Committee.

3. That individual churches consider adopting special commitments or specific projects for their gifts to support.

4. That Presbytery send to the World Mission Conference at Montreat, at its expense, one boy or girl who is especially interested in World Missions, preferably a sophomore or junior in college and who is well recommended by his or her college.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. P. FARRIOR

The Committee on Woman's Work, Rev. J. W. Ware, chairman, presented Mrs. E. N. Pittman, President of the Women of Wilmington Presbytery, who made the annual report for the committee. The report was adopted by a standing vote and is as follows:

I regret exceedingly that my first report to you as President of the Women of the Church of Wilmington Presbytery, must be incomplete. The yearly reports from the local churches, due January 15th, are coming in rapidly, but have not yet been tabulated. I can, however, report that in a general way, much has been accomplished in this small part of our Master's kingdom. Our women have been devoted and busy and we have prospered under God's guiding hand and for that we give grateful thanks.

I am happy to be able to report two new groups in our Presbyterial family, the recently organized group at the Westminster Church in Wilmington and the re-activated group in the Elkton Presbyterian Church. We welcome them into the fellowship of service. This increases our total to seventy-five groups, divided into 185 circles. We feel concern that there are seven churches still without an organization for their women. Some of these are served with "contact women" and we are hoping that as a result they may yet be organized.

At our Birthday observances in May, $1,859.07 was given for the three objectives: Goodland Orphanage in Oklahoma, Guerrant Presbytery in Kentucky and Radio and Television Center in Atlanta. The amount was an increase over last year of $59.00. We are grateful for the increase but feel that our per capita giving among our women is still far too small. Many groups used the film, "Now and Tomorrow" as a part of their program and found it very effective.

During World Mission emphasis in February, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Hopper of our Korean Mission were in our Presbytery. Dr. Hopper made an intensive itineracy of our churches and communities and brought his challenging messages to 61 groups. Results are still being felt in an awakened awareness of the work and needs of these "Ambassadors for Christ" and the fields and people they serve in other lands.

In May a special meeting of the Executive Board was held to consider Dr. Herbert Coddington's request that we share some of our Kiangyin Hospital Fund with Korea. Mrs. Farrior explained to you last year about this fund. Dr. Coddington wanted to use this money to purchase equipment needed in the hospital and mission in Korea. The Board took favorable action and $2,000.00 was given to the work there. This reduces our fund to $828.68.

Christian service, as truly as other forms of service, requires preparation and training. This is offered at our splendid training schools. 16 of our women took advantage of the study and inspiration offered at the Synodical Training School at Peace College in June; 18 attended the Women's Conference at Montreat and most thrilling of all, 25 splendid negro women were helped to go for training for service to their people at the Christian Conference for Negro Women at Winston-Salem in June.

The sixty-sixth annual meeting was held at St. Andrews-Covenant Church February 1st and 2nd with an almost record attendance of 438, 64 out of the 73 groups were represented.

The sixty-seventh annual meeting was held in the Wallace Church on October 21 and 22. The Executive Board at this meeting heard of the completion of the project for the year; the raising of $1,500.00 for the Peace College Campus Improvement Fund, and $300.00 for added furnishing at William Black Home in Montreat. The Board approved the Synodical recommendation that the raising of $10,000.00 for the Lucy Steele Memorial Fund be the project for the next two years. The Board then voted to accept our Wilmington Presbyterial's proportionate part, which is the raising of $10,000.00 during the next two years.

The District Days of Prayer will be held during the first two weeks of March. The District Chairman met last week and planned an interesting and deeply spiritual program. These "Days of Prayer" are powerhouses of spiritual strength for our work in the Presbyterial.

We give God grateful thanks for what has been accomplished this year. The year has been fruitful and encouraging. Yet, as we view the work, we realize that we have failed often, much has been neglected and many mistakes made. We also realize that we have many needs. We need a deeper and more intelligent understanding among our women of our organization, our work and our responsibilities. We need a broader outlook and outreach to see beyond the bounds of our own church. We need more women attending our Training Schools for instruction and inspiration. We are not going to go "Forward With Christ" until we are interested enough and informed enough to be found serving through the whole program of our church. We need every woman recognizing and assuming her responsibility and, above all, more dedicated service to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

With a new sense of unity gained from our study of Ephesians, we are praying for an ever enlarging conception of the "Task of the Church." As we learn this year about "Living the Faith" and "Love in the New Testa-

ment," we feel sure that the result will be deepened personal faith and greater joy in His service.

MRS. E. N. PITTMAN

Rev. Wade H. Allison, chairman of the committee on Higher Education, reported that the committee had examined all papers in connection with the request of Richard Bethune to be received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Ministry and found them in order. The committee recommended that Mr. Bethune be examined by the Presbytery, and the recommendation was adopted.

Mr. Bethune was examined on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Gospel Ministry by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen, and the examination was sustained.

The Constitutional questions were propounded by the Moderator and after being answered affirmatively, a charge was delivered to the candidate by Dr. P. H. Gwynn. The proceedings were closed with prayer by Dr. L. A. Taylor. Richard Bethune was enrolled as a candidate for the Ministry under the care of the Presbytery.

Rev. F. C. Hutcheson was asked to preside.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and his Work was presented by the Chairman, Rev. M. G. Stimpson, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK TO WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
JANUARY 18, 1955 — WILLARD, N. C.

Your Commission has held seven regular meetings in 1954.

Your Commission has approved the calls extended by the following churches to the following men who accepted them and have been installed as pastors:

January 3—Trinity, Havelock—George B. Williams.
January 31—First, Whiteville—Charles Worth.
January 31—Rocky Point, Pike, Currie—Fitzhugh Clark.
March 7—Westminster, Wilmington—Hubert J. Kaylor.
March 14—Jacksonville—John S. Steele.
April 25—Westminster, Whiteville—J. S. Walkup.
June 20—Winter Park—Horace H. Hilton.
July 25—Lake Waccamaw, White Plains, Elkton—J. Shepherd Russell.
July 25—Cape Fear—James A. Marrow, Jr.
August 1—Woodburn—J. Clyde Plexico.
August 15—Southport, New Hope—Joseph B. MacLeod.
December 12—Rockfish, Potts Memorial—Charles S. McChesney.

Your Commission has adopted the following procedure; when vacancies occur: The Chairman of the Commission shall contact a church or group of churches as soon as the field becomes vacant, and shall arrange for a meeting of the Commission with the Session or Nominating Committee, so as to initiate in a regular way the procedure for calling a pastor.

Your Commission recommends to Presbytery concur in the joint request of the Congregations of the Chinquapin and Bethel Churches and the pastor, the Rev. George W. Doherty, that the pastoral relationship be dissolved, effective as of January 1, 1955 and that the Rev. Mr. Doherty be given permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

Your Commission calls the attention of Presbytery to the "Recommendations of the Standing Committee on the Minister and His Work" adopted by the 1954 General Assembly.

MILLARD G. STIMPSON,
Chairman

The minutes of the Commission to Ordain Richard Perkins as an Evangelist were read and admitted to record:

Wilmington, N. C.
October 10, 1954

The Commission consisting of Dr. B. Frank Hall, Dr. L. A. Taylor, Rev. C. C. Myers and Ruling Elder W. M. Dickson, appointed by the Presbytery of Wilmington, in session at Burgaw, N. C., Tuesday, September 30, 1954 for the purpose of Ordaining Mr. Richard F. Perkins to the Gospel Ministry in the Presbyterian Church—U. S., the service to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Sunday morning, October 10, 1954, together with Mr. Richard F. Perkins, met in the pastors study of the Church in question at 10:45 a.m., October 10, to perfect plans for the ordination. Dr. Taylor, the Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. Dickson was delegated to act as Clerk of the Commission.

Immediately after the meeting the Commission retired to the Sanctuary where the ordination progressed as follows: the service being conducted by Dr. Taylor:

Responsive Reading—Psalm 84:

Reading of the Scripture—13th Chapter of Corinthians—Dr. L. A. Taylor.

The Sermon—under the text "The Glory of God"—Dr. B. Frank Hall.

Prayer and Laying on of Hands—Rev. C. C. Myers.

The Declaration and the Charge—Dr. L. A. Taylor.

The Benediction—Mr. Richard F. Perkins.

The Pastoral Prayer was made by Dr. L. A. Taylor and during the service the following hymns were sung: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," "Faith of Our Fathers," and "O Risen Christ, Who From Thy Throne Dost Rule."

Immediately after the service the Commission, with exception of Rev. C. C. Myers, reconvened in the Pastor's study, minutes approved and Commission was dismissed with prayer by Dr. L. A. Taylor.

Respectfully,
W. M. DICKSON,
Clerk of the Commission

The Minutes of the Commission to install Rev. C. S. McChesney, pastor of the Rockfish and Potts Memorial Churches, were read and admitted to record:

The Commission appointed by Presbytery to install the Rev. C. S. McChesney as Pastor of the Rockfish Presbyterian Church, Wallace, N. C., met in the choir room on Sunday, December 12, 1954, at Rockfish Church at 4:00 p.m.

The members present were Rev. J. A. Marrow, Rev. William B. Hood, Rev. M. G. Stimpson, Ruling Elder A. C. Hall and J. L. Willoughby. The meeting was opened with prayer, and parts assigned for the service.

Rev. William B. Hood presided and propounded the constitutional questions, Rev. J. A. Marrow preached the Sermon on, "The Things of Others," from the text Phil. 2:3-4. Rev. M. G. Stimpson charged the Pastor and Ruling Elder A. C. Hall charged the Congregation.

The Commission adjourned then to reconvene at Potts Memorial Church at 7:30 p.m.

The Commission appointed by Presbytery to install the Rev. C. S. McChesney as Pastor of the Potts Memorial Church, Willard, N. C., reconvened in a Sunday School room of the Potts Memorial Church, on Sunday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m.

The members present were:

Rev. M. G. Stimpson, Rev. J. A. Marrow, Rev. William B. Hood and Ruling Elder J. L. Willoughby. The meeting was opened with prayer and parts assigned for the service.

Rev. J. A. Marrow presided and propounded the constitutional questions. Rev. William B. Hood preached the Sermon on, "The Purposes of God" and charged the Pastor. Rev. M. G. Stimpson charged the Congregation.

The Commission reassembled following the service, in a Sunday School room, and the minutes being in order, was dismissed with prayer.

WILLIAM B. HOOD,
Moderator
J. A. MARROW,
Clerk

Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Bills and Overtures: Rev. R. L. McBath, Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Rev. P. H. Gwynn and Elder D. S. Carr.

Leave of Absence: Richard Thigpen, F. C. Hutcheson and J. S. Walkup.

Resolutions: H. L. Joslyn, J. S. Russell, C. L. Kirby and P. G. Bunn.

Time and Place of next meeting: N. B. Murray, R. P. Bender, J. B. MacLeod and J. A. Marrow, Jr.

The Committee to study the Plan of Union presented a verbal report which was received as information, and presented to Presbytery a factual study of the plan in mimeographed form. In connection with the report the letter from the Synod of Texas to the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. was read and received as information.

The Presbytery recessed for lunch after prayer by Ruling Elder D. S. Carr.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us" and prayer by the Rev. B. E. Dotson.

Dr. W. C. Mebane, Chairman of the sub-committee on Evangelism made a verbal report to the Presbytery urging a greater emphasis upon the primary business of the church, the winning of men to Christ. Announcement of the regional convention on Evangelism to be held at Fayetteville, February 10th was made in connection with the report. A proposed graphic chart was presented to Presbytery and sufficient copies were ordered printed for distribution to all the churches. The cost of the printing to be paid from Presbytery's contingent fund.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. S. N. Thomas, was authorized to appoint a Judicial Commission to study the Articles of Incorporation of the Burgaw Presbyterian Church, to take such action as it deems wise, and to report at the next meeting of the Presbytery. The following persons were appointed: Rev. C. W. Worth, Rev. P. H. Gwynn, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Ruling Elders W. C. Mebane and Algie Sutton.

The report of the committee to study proposed changes in the book of Church order was made through Rev. M. C. MacQueen. Presbytery adopted the following Amendments: to pg. 126, pg. 232, pg. 145A and pg. 147 by a vote of 96-0.

The Amendment to become a new chapter was not approved by a vote of 1 for, to 95 against. However, Presbytery appointed a committee to rewrite the present proposed chapter and to present the revision to the Presbytery in the form of an overture to be sent to the General Assembly in June, 1955, covering the same matters, but with revisions. The committee is composed of: R. L. McBath, H. H. Hilton, P. H. Gwynn and D. S. Carr.

Dr. L. A. Taylor made report as Treasurer of the following funds: General Benevolences, Presbytery's Contingent Fund, Presbytery's Office, Church Extension, Equalization Fund and the Church and Manse Assistance Fellowship Fund. The reports were received as information and the books of the Treasurer were ordered turned over to the auditing committee for audit. The auditors report, when ready, to be the official report of the Treasurer of all funds handled and to be printed with the April minutes of the Presbytery.

The salary of the Permanent Clerk of the Presbytery was changed from $100 to $200 per year effective January 1, 1955.

The following recommendation of the Committee on Church Extension was adopted: That the request of the Harmony Church to the Assembly's Committee on Church Extension for a loan of $10,000 be approved. The Rev. T. B. Ruff, Chairman of the Committee on Sessional Records reported that all record books presented to the Presbytery at this meeting had been examined. Churches not sending books to this meeting of Presbytery were requested to send books to the April meeting of the Presbytery for examination.

The following were elected commissioners to General Assembly to meet in Richmond, Virginia, June 2, 1955:

Principals: Ministers—P. H. Gwynn, L. A. Taylor, S. M. Houck. Elders—John Council, Walter Sprunt, W. C. Scoggins.

Alternates: Ministers—S. N. Thomas, J. W. Ware and F. C. Hutcheson. Elders—Ashley Murphy, C. F. Cameron and R. S. Troy.

The Nominating Committee made its report which was adopted as follows:

Rev. R. L. McBath to become Chairman of the Committee to Study the Plan of Union, replacing Rev. W. P. Conyers, Ruling Elder Clarence Clark to fill vacancy on committee. Rev. J. C. Plexico to the committee on Sessional Records. Rev. R. L. McBath to replace W. P. Conyers on the Committee on Church Extension, class of 56, sub-committee on Home Missions. J. A. Marrow to replace W. P. Conyers on Committee on Examinations; English Bible. Rev. J. B. MacLeod to replace W. P. Conyers on Committee on Higher Education, Rev. J. S. Russell to replace Rev. George Doherty on Committee on Woman's Work. Rev. S. M. Houck to be reelected Permanent Clerk for a term of three years. The Committee on Leave of Absence recommended that the following persons be excused from Presbytery part or the whole of the day: J. S. Walkup, D. E. Murphy, H. M. Leamon, L. C. Tucker, J. K. Currie, M. J. McChesney, P. C. West, B. F. Hall, E. D. Witherspoon and H. H. Matthews.

The committee on Resolutions made its report which was adopted as follows:

We wish to express our thanks to the Willard Church, its officers, and the Women of the Church for their courteous hospitality and delightful dinner.

We express our appreciation to the retiring Moderator for his helpful and inspiring sermon and to our present Moderator for the courteous and efficient manner in which he has presided over this meeting of Presbytery and to our stated clerk for his excellent work as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

Therefore, be it resolved that we express our thanks to each person of Presbytery for their part in making this meeting of Wilmington Presbytery at Willard Church a success.

H. L. JOSLYN,
Chairman

The Committee on Time and Place of next meeting recommended: That the Spring meeting be held in Elizabethtown, and

that the section in the Manual setting the date of the Presbytery be waived for this meeting in view of the Exchange of ministers with the Synod of Virginia, and that the meeting be scheduled for April 26, 1955.

The Committee called to the attention of Presbytery an invitation from the Pollocksville Church for the July meeting of Presbytery.

Ruling Elder L. B. Huie was nominated as moderator of the April meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery was adjourned with prayer and benediction by Rev. C. S. McChesney.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 1954

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Wilmington met in the St. Andrews-Covenant church, Wilmington, N. C., on November 18, 1954, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, the Moderator, presided. The meeting was opened by prayer led by Rev. L. A. Taylor.

The following members were enrolled:

L. C. Tucker, H. J. Kaylor, C. C. Myers, J. S. Crowley, M. C. MacQueen, E. D. Witherspoon, W. H. Hood, T. B. Ruff, Samuel N. Thomas, L. A. Taylor, R. L. McBath, M. G. Stimpson, J. W. Ware, S. M. Houck, J. C. McCann, W. H. Allison, H. H. Hilton, J. B. MacLeod, M. J. McChesney, W. P. Conyers III.

The following churches were enrolled by their representatives:

Wallace, Melvin Cording; Potts Memorial, J. C. Southerland; Rockfish, J. A. Carr; St. Andrews-Covenant, C. P. Gorman; Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Winter Park, W. C. Mebane.

A quorum being present, the Stated Clerk read the Call for the meeting which was found in order and made the docket for the meeting. It is as follows:

To receive Rev. Charles McChesney from the Presbytery of Granville and appoint a Commission to install him as pastor of the Rockfish and Potts Memorial churches, if the way be clear. A certificate of Transfer of Membership from the Stated Clerk of Granville Presbytery was read and approved and Mr. McChesney was admitted to examination.

The examination in experimental religion was led by Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was sustained as satisfactory. The examination touching views in Theology was conducted by Dr. E. D. Witherspoon and was sustained as satisfactory. The examination in Sacraments and Church government was led by Rev. M. J. McChes-

ney and was sustained as satisfactory. The examination as a whole was sustained and Mr. McChesney was enrolled a member of the Presbytery after signing the Minister's Obligations.

Calls for the services of Mr. McChesney, having been approved by the Commission on the Minister and His Work, were found in order and placed in his hands. He signified his willingness to accept the Calls and a Commission was appointed to install him as pastor of the two churches. The personnel of the Commission is as follows:

Rev. W. B. Hood, Rev. W. P. Conyers III, Rev. J. A. Marrow, Rev. M. G. Stimpson, and Ruling Elders A. C. Hall, Sr., and J. L. Willoughby. The time of the installation was left in the hands of the Commission.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned with prayer led by Rev. W. H. Allison.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk
MILLARD G. STIMPSON,
Moderator

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 1955

The Presbytery of Wilmington met in a called session on Thursday, February 17, 1955, at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Andrews-Covenant church, Wilmington. The Moderator, Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, called the meeting to order. The following ministers were enrolled:

W. H. Allison, H. J. Kaylor, S. N. Thomas, M. G. Stimpson, L. C. Tucker, J. S. Russell, S. M. Houck, M. C. MacQueen, C. C. Myers, T. B. Ruff, J. S. Crowley, L. A. Taylor, C. S. McChesney, J. B. MacLeod, M. J. McChesney, B. F. Hall, R. L. McBath, J. S. Walkup, J. S. Steele, C. L. Kirby, J. C. McCann, J. W. Ware, W. B. Hood.

The following churches were enrolled by representatives:

Wilmington First, C. S. Morse; Morehead City First, H. L. Joslyn; Southport, Thomas St. George.

A quorum being present the Presbytery was constituted by prayer led by Rev. H. J. Kaylor. The call for the meeting was read, as follows:

1—To receive Rev. Ben L. Rose, D.D., from the Presbytery of Abingdon and appoint a Commission to install him as pastor of the First church Wilmington, if the way be clear; 2—To receive Rev. Albert G. Harris from the Presbytery of Atlanta and appoint a Commission to install him as pastor of the First church Morehead City, if the way be clear. The call was found in order and made the docket for the meeting.

Rev. Ben L. Rose and Rev. Albert G. Harris were presented to Presbytery by the Chairman of the Commission on the Minister

and his Work who reported that these men had been approved by the Commission for calls. They were admitted to examination.

The examination on views in Theology was conducted by Rev. B. F. Hall and was sustained. The examination in Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by Rev. M. J. McChesney, and was sustained. The examination as a whole was sustained and Rev. Ben L. Rose and Rev. Albert G. Harris were enrolled members of Wilmington Presbytery pending the signing of the Minister's Obligations.

Calls from First church, Wilmington for the services of Rev. Ben L. Rose, and from the First church Morehead City for the services of Rev. Albert G. Harris were read, approved and placed in their hands.

A Commission to install Dr. Rose was appointed as follows:

E. D. Witherspoon, L. A. Taylor, S. M. Houck, C. C. Myers, H. J. Kaylor, W. M. Dickson, C. S. Morse, W. C. Mebane. The date of the installation was set as February 27, 1955 at 11:00 a.m.

A Commission to install Rev. Albert G. Harris was appointed as follows:

L. A. Taylor, M. C. MacQueen, J. S. Steele, B. F. Hall, Ramie Davis, James Murdock, M. L. McClimon. The date of the installation was set for March 6, 1955 at 7:30 p.m.

The Minutes of the meeting were read and approved. Presbytery was adjourned with prayer led by Rev. J. S. Steele.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

MILLARD G. STIMPSON,
Moderator

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
MARCH 7, 1955

The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, the Presbytery of Wilmington met in called session on Monday, March 7, at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Andrews-Covenant church, Wilmington. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. M. G. Stimpson. The following ministers were enrolled:

L. A. Taylor, E. D. Witherspoon, J. S. Steele, S. M. Houck, L. C. Tucker, F. C. Hutcheson, N. P. Farrior, H. J. Kaylor, W. B. Hood, T. B. Ruff, J. B. MacLeod, M. J. McChesney, H. H. Hilton, J. C. McCann, C. W. Worth, N. H. Flowers, R. L. McBath.

The following churches were enrolled by their representatives:

Trinity by T. W. Cathey, Wallace by Melvin Cording.

A quorum being present the meeting was constituted with prayer by Rev. F. C. Hutcheson.

The call for the meeting was read as follows:

1—To dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. George B. Williams and the Trinity church and 2—Grant Mr. Williams permission to labor outside the boundaries of Presbytery until the July meeting of Presbytery. The call was found in order and made the docket for the meeting.

The serious illness of Mr. Williams was made known to the Presbytery and his request for the dissolution of his pastoral relationship was read. The Ruling Elder representing the session of Trinity church spoke of the high esteem in which they held Mr. Williams and of the genuine regret with which the congregation joined in the request for a dissolution of the relationship. After a motion and second Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship and granted Mr. Williams permission to labor outside the boundaries of the Presbytery until the July meeting of Presbytery.

The Home Mission Committee was instructed to render such aid, counsel and other assistance as it may deem wise to Mr. Williams and his family.

The Minutes of the meeting were read and approved. The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Rev. H. H. Hilton.

MILLARD G. STIMPSON,
Moderator
SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
APRIL 7, 1955

The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, the Presbytery of Wilmington met in called session in the St. Andrews-Covenant church, Wilmington, Thursday, April 7, 1955, at 2:30 p.m. The Moderator, Rev. M. G. Stimpson, called the meeting to order. The following ministers were enrolled:

E. D. Witherspoon, Ben L. Rose, M. G. Stimpson, J. C. McCann, S. M. Houck.

The following church was enrolled by representative:

First Church, Wilmington by W. M. Dickson.

A quorum was present and the meeting was constituted by prayer led by Rev. E. D. Witherspoon.

The call for the meeting was read as follows:

To approve an application for a loan by the Little Chapel on the Board Walk, if the way be clear. The call was found in order and adopted as the docket for the meeting.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed the Presbytery unanimously approved the application of the Little Chapel on the

Board Walk to the Carolina Savings and Loan Association for a loan of $20,000.00.

Presbytery recognized that the procedure of the Carolina Savings and Loan Association in requiring approval of Presbytery prior to closing this loan to a self-sustaining church is unusual and is not required by the Book of Church Order, and on motion duly made, seconded and passed, expressed the hope that such approval by Presbytery will not be required in the future by this lending agency.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Ben L. Rose.

MILLARD G. STIMPSON,
Moderator
SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

190th STATED SESSION
PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON

The 190th Stated Session of the Presbytery of Wilmington convened at the Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, April 26, 1955, at 10:00 a.m. The opening worship was conducted by the Moderator, Rev. M. G. Stimpson, who preached from the text: John 6:68, "Lord, To Whom Shall We Go, Thou Hast The Words of Eternal Life."

The roll was called and the following enrolled:

Ministers: W. H. Allison, T. O. Bird, Fitzhugh Clark, P. L. Clark, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, N. H. Flowers, W. H. Goodman, Jr., P. H. Gwynn, B. F. Hall, A. G. Harris, Jr., W. B. Hood, S. M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, H. J. Kaylor, C. L. Kirby, J. A. Marrow, M. C. MacQueen, R. L. McBath, J. C. McCann, M. J. McChesney, J. B. MacLeod, J. W. Miller, C. C. Myers, J. C. Plexico, B. L. Rose, J. S. Russell, T. B. Ruff, N. G. Stevens, M. G. Stimpson, L. A. Taylor, J. S. Steele, S. N. Thomas, L. C. Tucker, E. D. Witherspoon, C. W. Worth, H. H. Hilton and C. S. McChesney.

The following churches were enrolled by representatives:

Acme, J. D. Dailey; Ashwood, C. L. Braddy; Baker, B. C. Thigpen; Bethany, H. B. Rivenbark; Beth Car, P. H. Myers; Bethel, A. R. Wood; Beulaville, Gardiner Edwards; Black River, G. S. Beatty; Bladenboro, R. F. Matheson; Brunswick, R. A. Powell; Burgaw, L. H. Corbett; Cape Fear, James T. Lewis; Carolina Beach, D. N. Page; Caswell, F. R. Foyles; Chadbourn, J. M. Jackson; Chapel on the Boardwalk, Edward Mallory; Chinquapin, William Dail; Clarkton, Dan T. Townsend; Currie, L. M. Bell; Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Elizabethtown, J. H. Clark; Elkton, W. J. Elkins; Faison, W. H. McCullen; Graves Memorial, W. J. Calhoun; Grove, R. V. Wells; Hallsville, A. H. Miller; Harmony, C. H. Melvin; Holly Grove, R. S. Williams; Hopewell, J. B. Davis; Immanuel, A. C. Pate; Jacksonville, A. C. Smith; Lake Waccamaw, R. G. Lytton; Maple Hill, S. A. Lanier; McClure Memorial, E. J. Scott; Morehead City, J. W. Kellog; Mt. Horeb, James

Monroe; Mt. Olive, W. W. Cobb; Mt. Williams, R. A. Thigpen; Mt. Zion, Dallas Herring; Myrtle Grove, Norwood Bender; Oak Plains, A. C. Newkirk; Pearsall Memorial, D. S. Reynolds; Pike, J. H. Worrell; Pineland, Troy King; Pleasant View, Durham Grady; Pollocksville, H. A. Parker; Potts Memorial, C. A. Bowling; Rockfish, A. C. Hall; St. Andrews-Covenant, Adolf Otersen; Smiths, Ray Smith; Stanford, Ned Roberts; Stafford Memorial, A. D. Cromartie; Teachey, B. F. Brinkley; Topsail, Harold D. Howard; Trinity, M. L. McClimon; Wallace, Melvin Cording; Warsaw, L. B. Huie; Whiteville, First, W. G. Prevatte; Whiteville, Westminster, F. A. Newman; Wildwood, James G. Murdock; Willard, H. McNair Johnson; Wilmington, First, H. A. Codington; Wilmington, Westminster, C. P. Gorman; Winter Park, R. T. Sinclair; Woodburn, G. R. Ennis, Jr.

A quorum was present.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Ruling Elder L. B. Huie was elected moderator by acclamation.

The Rev. H. A. McBath of Fayetteville Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Ruling Elders present for the first meeting of Presbytery since their ordination were introduced to the Presbytery.

The Rev. R. L. McBath, host Pastor, welcomed the Presbytery to the Elizabethtown Church and made necessary announcements relative to the meeting.

The docket was presented to the Presbytery and was ammended by making the vote on church union the order of the day for 11:00, and adopted.

The following communications were read and referred as noted:

A communication from Dr. E. C. Scott relative to the vote on Union was referred to the committee to study the plan of Union, Rev. R. L. McBath, Chairman.

From Rev. Jack W. Ware, requesting that he be excused from this meeting of the Presbytery referred to the committee on Leave of Absence.

From the Stated Clerk relative to the recent death of Rev. George B. Williams, requesting that a person be appointed to draw up suitable resolutions of respect to be presented to the Presbytery at the July meeting. The request was granted, and Ruling Elder M. L. McClimon of the Trinity Church, Havelock, was asked to draw up such resolutions.

The Committee on Christian Education made its report. Pending the adoption of the report, Miss Doris Lynch, new area worker for the Presbyteries of Albemarle and Wilmington, was introduced to the Presbytery and spoke briefly on her work. Also, Rev. J. C. McCann spoke on the value of Clinics in the Church School. Mr. C. F. Mallard, Jr., chairman of the Presbytery Superintendent's Conference spoke on the Montreat Conference for Superintendents and Mr. James Harris made an announcement of the Men's Conference at Davidson College, June 10-12, 1955. The report, with its recommendations was adopted as follows:

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON

Since our former report to you the Executive Committee of Christian Education has met twice as a full committee. Eleven of our members were present in November and 12 in March. Minutes of these meetings have been filed with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery and may be examined by anyone wishing to see them.

Generally, the program of Christian Education has shown improvement over the past year, at least in numbers, and we trust in effectiveness. From the Sessional reports, we learn that we have had an increase in enrollment in our Church schools of almost 1,000 persons during the past year with the total enrollment now at 11,188. Last year we were grieved to report to you that the average attendance was only 4,741, while this year the reports show an average attendance of 7,426. We hope that this report is fairly accurate and that this increase in average attendance is indicative of a growing interest on the part of Sessions and of officers and teachers in our Church schools in effective teaching. We also call to your attention that the average attendance is still less than 70% of the enrollment and feel that the job of increasing attendance of those already enrolled is not done.

In order to do its work effectively, the committee is organized into several sub-committees each with a particular area of interest and responsibility.

The sub-committee of Children's work is responsible for Daily Vacation Church schools, Church school institutes, Children's work counselors and contact persons in each church, and seeks to promote clinics within local churches for Children's workers. Last year we held 48 Bible schools with an enrollment of 3,363, which compares with 44 schools and 2,693 enrolled in 1953. Clinics were conducted by Mrs. Jane Chamblee Morton in several Churches, and Churches were urged to make full use of the Area Worker in having clinics in your Church.

The Youth work sub-committee is responsible for the work done in Pioneer camps and conclaves, and in Senior High school fellowships and conference. Rallies and visitation are also a part of the work of this sub-committee. During the year past and again this year the members of the Presbytery's Youth council together with the adult advisors, Rev. Jack Ware and Mrs. M. C. MacQueen are visiting local churches upon invitation, to stimulate interest in the work of the Senior Hi fellowship. In the camps last year we had 205 Pioneers enrolled and in the conference at Flora MacDonald College we had 146 high school students enrolled. This year, because of the increased interest in Pioneer work, three camps are being planned. We are indebted to the leaders of this work for the time and energy they expend in promoting and guiding the work among our youth in the Presbytery.

The Adult work of the committee is in four parts. Men's work, which during the past year has shown increasing signs of life under the leadership of the Men's council of the Presbytery with Leslie Boney, Jr. as president. We realize that we still have far to go in the job of putting men to work in the Churches of our Presbytery, but we face the future with courage. District meetings of representatives from local Churches are being held under the leadership of District chairmen, and a rally for the fall is being planned in order that officers may be elected for the new Church year, 1956. Announcement of the details of the fall rally will be ready for the July meeting of Presbytery.

A second phase of Adult work is with the group now called "Young Adults." Several of our churches have organized classes for this group, and others have fellowship meetings of the Young Adults scheduled regularly. On a Presbytery basis, we have had two rallies of Young Adults since our last meeting of Presbytery and another is planned for May 1. Attendance has been good at both rallies and we confidently expect that this eager and energetic group of young Churchmen and women will make a large contribution to the spiritual interests of our Churches and our Presbytery in the future.

The third area of Adult work is in leadership training. During the year 50 of our Churches participated in area leadership schools. One such school held in Rose Hill, enrolled 187 persons. Plans are under way for this school to be held again this year in this area.

In the Whiteville area a school was held on four successive Sunday evenings with a part of the group meeting in one of the Whiteville Churches and another part in the other Whiteville Church. In the one group, three classes were offered: One for Church officers, one on Bible and one on Teaching children. The second group was for young people, and in this section of the school, regular programs of the Youth Fellowship and Pioneers fellowship were put on by local church groups, showing to the whole group how the program materials could be used in the Churches. In all, over 300 persons were enrolled in the school. Perhaps this offers ideas which other groups may wish to explore and use in the future.

The Wilmington area school enrolled 234 persons with an average attendance of 170 and 101 credits were issued for those completing the courses of study. Plans are under way already for the continuing of these area schools. We call to the attention of ministers and Sessions in other areas of the Presbytery the value of such schools and suggest that you make plans for the setting up of a school in your area. J. S. Walkup, chairman of the sub-committee on Leadership Training, will be glad to give any help he can in this venture.

The fourth area of responsibility in Adult work is with the Sunday school Superintendents. During this year, we have reorganized the Sunday school Superintendents of the Presbytery with Mr. C. Forrest Mallard, Jr., of Burgaw as president of the Superintendents Conference of the Presbytery. Plans are being made for district meetings of Superintendents in the near future, and promotion of the Montreat Conference for Superintendents is being carried on.

Your committee is aware that the organization of your Church school may not conform to the way in which our committee is organized, and that indeed it would not always be wise for you to have organizations for each age group or for each interested group. We do feel, however, that is well for us to remind you of the various groups of persons within your Church school, and to remind you also that it is the responsibility of the Session of the Church to make provisions for meeting the needs of each group in your particular Church.

That Sessions may become aware of the task we suggest to you that you have within your church a planning committee whose task it shall be to make a thorough study first of all of your existing enrollment and organization, and of the programs now being carried on in your Church by each of the organizations in it. And then that this committee project plans for the future, setting up goals and standards which you will seek to attain. In order to do this, it is important that the group doing the planning take time

to do it well, and that it have some general idea at least of its purpose and function. It is possible that the planning group ought to be the Session itself. In other cases, probably a planning group ought to have in it members of each of the organizations of the Church concerned with the educational task of the Church, and these all meeting together and studying, the particular Church can coordinate plans and programs in such a way that the total program of the Church will be moving in one direction, even though every organization is not carrying on the same projects.

In order that this planning committee, whether it be of the Session or of a group appointed by the Session and responsible to it, may have some specific areas of responsibility before it. To begin with, we list four that are important. First of these areas is that of a knowledge of and appreciation for the Bible and the Revelation of God which is in it. It is here that the Church school meets its first responsibility. We are to teach growing minds to know Jesus Christ as Lord, and the same Jesus Christ who is portrayed for us in Scripture. To do this, we must be continually seeking to transfer the words of the Bible into the minds and lives of the persons whom we are seeking to teach until they are translated into life by those taught. An adequate knowledge of the Bible is essential to a continuing and growing protestantism and Presbyterianism. How is the Bible being used in your church school? How is it being taught? How much of it is getting over from the teacher to the pupil? These are matters we dare not leave to chance.

A second area in which the committee ought to feel concern is Churchmanship. The program of the Church as portrayed in the scriptures, and the program of the Church in our own day, together with their own place in that program is an essential part of the teaching function of the Church. Unless we train for loyalty to the Church along with commitment to Christ we have somehow left out an essential part of the total task of teaching. Elective courses in such areas as Church history, the program of the church, etc. are often a good way to meet this need. Your planning committee ought to place this item high on the list of things to look for in the program of your Church.

A third area of concern to the planning committee ought to be in the area of service to the community and to the world. Here we include the total program of evangelism in the local Church, stimulation of interest in the mission program of the Church both at home and to the ends of earth, and a sharing by the persons taught in this total program. Various methods may be pursued. Schools of missions, collection of clothing for needy persons, the support of missionary personnel in home of foreign lands, these and many others are all a part of the task of the Church school as it relates to the total program of the Church.

Last of all this planning committee ought to consider ways in which the corporate life of the congregation can be experienced by all within it. There is a continuing need for fellowship within the family of God collected together in the local church. And to the end that congregations may know each other, love and trust each other and work together in harmony in all things. It is essential that there be given to all within the congregation at least an occasional opportunity to see each other under informal circumstances and to enjoy each others company in Christian Fellowship.

Your committee cannot stress too much the importance of this planning being done, and of it being done with an eye to all the members of the congregation. Each group within the Church must be integrated into the total life of the congregation and become an active part of that life. The

responsibility for the making such a study and having such a planning group rests squarely upon the Sessions of the Churches. We trust that each Church Session will face up to the tremendous possibilities which are ours as we seek to make the teaching ministry of the Church effective as an instrument to the glory of God.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That every Session make a study of the educational program now being carried on in the Church of which it is the Session, and seek to coordinate the work of the various organizations within the Church for a more effective work in the Church school and in the Church.

2. That Rev. Jack W. Ware, Rev. R. L. McBath and Rev. S. N. Thomas be approved as directors of Senior High conference, and of Pioneer camps for this summer.

3. That every Church plan to participate in a leadership school during the next 12 months, either in cooperation with other Churches in the area, or through leadership classes in the local Church itself, and that these leadership schools give recognition to young people in our Churches as well as adults.

4. That Presbytery authorize the Treasurer of Religious Education in the Presbytery to turn over to the Treasurer of the Committee on Christian Education such funds now held by him in that account, and that this account be closed, and the office of Treasurer of Religious Education of the Presbytery be discontinued.

5. That Presbytery approve the policy of the Executive Committee on Christian Education in putting all funds over and above operating expenses into a savings account to be used for the securing and the development of a camp and conference center in the Presbytery when the way is clear.

6. That the publication "Presbyterian Action" be used in our Church school, particularly by the leaders in the children's and young people's divisions.

7. That every Session in the Presbytery adopt the "Forward With Christ" program and make plans for meeting the goals set for your church in the area of Church school attendance and enrollment.

8. That every Church sponsor a Vacation Church school of at least ten sessions, and that leaders be secured for these immediately in order that the leaders may participate in the institute in Wallace, May 3.

9. That men's clubs or Men's Bible classes make available to worthy negro youth a scholarship to the Conference for Negro Youth to be held in Fayetteville in June. (The cost is about $15.00.)

10. That the Presbytery recognize the excellent work done in our Churches by Mrs. Jane Chamblee Morton, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to write her regarding our indebtedness to her, and that we welcome and commend to the Churches of the Presbytery Miss Doris Lynch, our new area worker who came to her task in April.

Presbytery took up the order of the day at 11:00. The committee to study the Plan of Union made its report which was received as information. Unlimited debate on the issue was voted by the Presbytery. During the debate, Presbytery recessed for lunch. During the lunch hour, the report of the Committee on Resolutions of thanks was read, and approved by a standing vote.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with the singing of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and prayer by Dr. E. D. Witherspoon. The vote on the categorical question was taken by roll call and voice vote, and was 47 voting "Yes", 51 voting "No." The following persons requested that their votes be recorded:

Voting "Yes:" L. C. Tucker, J. C. Plexico, J. B. MacLeod, Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, S. M. Houck, J. A. Marrow, W. H. Goodman, Jr., W. H. Allison, Fitzhugh Clark, Neill G. Stevens, M. C. MacQueen, Dr. B. Frank Hall, James T. Lewis, W. J. Elkins, M. L. McClimon, J. W. Kellog and Donald F. Townsend.

Voting "No:" F. A. Newman and A. C. Pate.

The following recommendations of the Committee of Church Extension were adopted:

The Home Missions Committee of Wilmington Presbytery presents to Presbytery the following recommendations:

1. That permission be given to the Home Missions Committee to borrow $4,000.00 to assist the Acme Church in its building program.

2. That the Trustees of Presbytery, Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark and J. K. Bannerman, be authorized and empowered to issue a note for $4,000.00 in favor of the Board of Church Extension, Presbyterian Church, U. S. and to secure the note with a deed of trust on some piece of property now owned by the Presbytery, the property to be selected by the Chairman. This money is to be used to assist the Acme Church in its building program.

3. That Presbytery approve the application of the Beulaville Church made to the General Assembly's Board of Church Extension for a loan of $7,000.00.

4. That the Home Missions Committee be authorized to sell a lot, owned by the Presbytery and located in Havelock, N. C., for the sum of $15,000.00.

5. That the Trustees of Presbytery, Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark and J. K. Bannerman, be authorized and empowered to transfer title to the lot from the Trustees of Wilmington Presbytery to MacMillan and Cameron Company of Wilmington, N. C.

6. That the proceeds from the sale of the lot be donated to the building fund of the Trinity Church, Havelock, N. C.

Rev. L. C. Tucker made the report for the Committee on Annuities and Relief. The report was adopted and is as follows:

TO THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON

The Presbytery's Committee on Annuities and Relief submits the following report to the Presbytery of Wilmington of the progress of this committee and the Board of Annuities and Relief for the year 1954.

The membership in the Ministers' Fund (Annuity) as of December 31, 1954, was 2,585. This is an increase of 129 over December 31, 1953. The number grows each year. Assets of this fund as of December 31, 1953 were $14,401,327.26. As of December 31, 1954 it was $16,010,675.57, an increase of $1,609,348.31. This is a large sum of money but is the amount needed to provide the purchased annuities for members during their retirement. Since the beginning of the Ministers' Annuity Fund,

April 1, 1940 through December 31, 1954, we have paid out in annuities $2,269,400.63. This has been paid to 458 ministers retired because of age, 68 ministers retired because of disability, 360 widows and 119 orphans.

In 1954 the Board supplemented from the funds of Ministerial Relief the annuities of 324 annuities to the extent of $247,994.98. The total supplements paid since 1946 is $1,028,669.69.

For 1955 the Board has increased the relief grants to many of our retired ministers and widows, where need seemed to justify such increases.

The committee believes the Ministers' Annuity Fund is in excellent condition.

The Employees' Annuity Fund began to function September 1, 1942 and as of December 31, 1954 we (Board) had 493 members enrolled. This is an increase of 51 over December 31, 1953. Since this fund began, 7 employees have retired because of age and 3 because of total and permanent disability. The Board feels that an inadequate job has been done in getting employees of the Church into the Employees' Annuity Fund and that every Church and every Church agency and institution should take more favorable action on this important phase of their work. Employees are going to get old, will have to be retired and if we are going to practice the social justice we have been preaching, we must do something for them at retirement. Would it not be better to have them enrolled in the Employees Annuity Fund and build up a retirement income over a long period of years than provide for them from the Church treasury over a few years?

Here we have one of the greatest opportunities for service and without this fund, (Relief Fund) most of which is created by the Joy Gift, 660 homes would have been without the necessities of life. Among these, 58 ministers, 246 widows, 16 orphans and 16 non-ministerial workers. These people were never participants in the Ministers' Annuity Fund. You would be interested to know that we have 8 widows between the ages of 90-97; 74 widows between 80-89; 100 widows between 70-79 and 34 widows between 60-69; one minister age 94; one minister age 91; 18 between 80-89; 27 between 70-79; 7 between 60-69. You can see from these ages that their needs for relief will be more, not less, as long as they live. For this reason we hope the Presbytery will increase their giving to the Joy Gift each year.

The Group Life and Hospitalization program is growing but much needs to be done to get all full-time employees of the Churches enrolled in this plan. We have at this time enrolled in the group life insurance plan 2,-014, in the hospitalization 1,363, dependents 335. This is fine progress but we should not be satisfied until all of our eligible employees and ministers are enrolled in this plan. The officers and laymen of the Churches must take the initiative in this plan. The minister life insurance plan started on July 1, 1952 and the group hospitalization plan started October 17, 1953. They include three classes: (1) Ordained personnel, Heads of agencies and or institutions under 65 years of age. (2) Skilled Lay Personnel under 65 years of age. (3) a. Unskilled (all) Personnel with 6 months continuous service and b. all others age 65 and over. Since the beginning of these two plans we have paid 34 life insurance death claims totaling $76,000.00 and 325 hospital claims for $34,232.26. The importance of this program cannot be over emphasized. In regard to this report the committee heard at its annual meeting on March 14, Dr. L. A. Taylor, Executive Secretary of the Presbytery, tell of the critical illness of the Rev. George Williams of the Trinity Church, Havelock, N. C. He had con-

tracted luekemia and had a very short time to live. Mr. Williams case brings out the importance of our churches participating in the group insurance plan for its ministers. Mr. Williams or his family did not have the proper funds for this critical emergency. The congregation of the Trinity Church discharged a moral responsibility in providing for Mr. Williams to return to his home. The committee along with the Presbytery and the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery took certain actions to aid the Rev. George Williams and his family in their critical emergency. The committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Synod's Committee on Annuities and Relief that they give Mr. Williams and his family aid or assistance from the Reynolds Fund as they deem wise or have funds available to do so; secondly, the committee recommended to the Board of Annuities and Relief that they consider his case and give him funds from "Relief" as they deem wise. The Committee also approved plans to inaugurate a program throughout the Presbytery, through the laymen of the Presbytery, to present this group life insurance program before congregations of our Presbytery.

The fifth opportunity in the Board of Annuities and Relief is the management of the Presbyterian Center, 341 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. The Board owns Presbyterian Center. All of the agencies of the Church with the exception of the Board of World Missions, Nashville, Tennessee, the Board of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia and the Presbyterian Foundation, Charlotte, N. C. are housed in this center. It is an excellent piece of property and we are confident that, bringing these agencies together was a very constructive move for the Church.

Wilmington Presbytery supports two ministers on Ministerial Relief paying out a total of $1,880.00. Four annuitants receive a total of $2,975.00 from the Board of Annuities and Relief. Four ministers from our Presbytery receive distributions from the Reynolds Fund.

The Committee is grateful to each of you for the help and cooperation in making this report possible. With your help and prayers in 1955 we hope to reach a higher level of assistance to all whom we are privileged to aid.

Respectfully submitted:

COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES AND RELIEF
LESLIE N. TUCKER,
Chairman

The Committee on Audits sent audits of the books of the Treasurer of Presbytery's Benevolence account, Contingent Fund, Home Missions, Office of Presbytery's Administration and the Church and Manse Assistance Fellowship Fund.

The audits were accepted as the report of the committee and were admitted to record.

Wilmington Presbytery
Wilmington, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Your Auditing Committee has examined the books and records of your Treasurer, Dr. L. A. Taylor, for the period ended December 31, 1954, and presents the following statements of receipts and disbursements:

Benevolent Account	Exhibit "A"
Contingent Fund	Exhibit "B"
Home Mission Committee	Exhibit "C"
Office of Presbytery's Administration	Exhibit "D"
Church and Manse Assistance Fellowship	Exhibit "E"

Our examination consisted of tracing receipts as recorded to the depositories, and our verification of disbursements was limited to an inspection of cancelled vouchers drawn on the depositories.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. PLATT, JR.,
Chairman
WILLIAM E. PERDEW
JORDAN A. SLOAN

EXHIBIT "A"

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT
WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
DR. L. A. TAYLOR, TREASURER
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 1954

	Balance Jan. 1, 1954	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
World Missions	$ 33.21	$ 23,770.05	$ 23,691.14	$ 112.12
Church Extension	(30.86)	9,969.67	9,939.00	(.19)
Christian Education	37.77	4,400.90	4,387.64	51.03
Annuities and Relief	(71.41)	5,193.15	4,853.77	267.97
General Fund	2.72	5,714.53	5,691.83	25.42
Inter-Church Agencies	(1.73)	188.30	185.75	.82
Synod's Church Extension	3.87	4,855.45	4,833.53	25.79
Educational Institutions	(82.84)	10,353.09	10,310.56	(40.31)
Orphans Home	2.74	6,966.83	6,930.16	39.41
Religious Education	1.09	1,966.54	1,957.90	9.73
Campus Christian Life	.55	958.51	954.19	4.87
Presbyterian Home	1.06	1,178.59	1,174.92	4.73
William Black Home	.67	464.54	460.77	4.44
Presbytery's Home Missions	11.11	19,714.26	21,645.86	(1,920.49)
Presbytery's Administration	(.77)	6,742.01	6,714.50	
Equalization Fund				
1952-53	919.12			919.12
1953	6,304.29		6,300.00	4.29
1954		6,378.48	1,200.00	5,178.48
Negro Work		2,317.68	2,312.68	5.00
Presbytery's Religious Education		18.00	15.00	3.00

American Leprosy Mission		43.00	23.00	20.00
Harmony Building Fund		100.00	100.00	
Mission Court		24.75	24.75	
Historical Foundation		6.00	6.00	
Stillman Institute		4.00	4.00	
Flora Macdonald College		5.00	5.00	
Net Difference—Books and Deposits		(20.29)		(20.29)
TOTALS	$7,130.59	$111,313.04	$113,721.95	$4,721.68

BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1954 ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Peoples Savings Bank and Trust Company $4,721.68

( ) Denotes Overpayment. Recommend that Adjustment Be Made In Next Deposit.

EXHIBIT "B"

CONTINGENT FUND
WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
DR. L. A. TAYLOR, TREASURER
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 1954

BALANCE ON HAND—January 1, 1954		$4,237.65
RECEIPTS		
1953 Church Assessments— 3 Churches	$ 130.20	
1954 Church Assessments—81 Churches	3,842.60	
Dinner Sponsored By Council	205.60	
Total Receipts:		4,178.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE		$8,416.05
DISBURSEMENTS		
Printing and Office Supplies	$ 696.52	
Assembly's Assessments	1,529.84	
Synod's Assessments	532.53	
Office Fixtures	847.99	
Pastors Retreat	50.00	
Allocation to Office of Presbytery	300.00	
Salary of Permanent Clerk	100.00	
Repairs to Projector	11.00	
Committee Expenses	54.40	
Postage	47.62	
Dinner Served To Council Meeting	215.00	
Speakers For Council Meeting	80.00	
Bank Exchange	5.80	
Total Disbursements		4,470.70
BALANCE ON HAND—December 31, 1954		$3,945.35

EXHIBIT "C"

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE
WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
DR. L. A. TAYLOR, TREASURER
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1954

BALANCE ON HAND—January 1, 1954		$ 7,792.39
RECEIPTS		
Board of Church Extension	$ 6,183.32	
Synod of North Carolina	5,983.32	
Presbytery Benevolence	19,645.86	
Equalization Fund	2,000.00	
Contribution—Belk-Beery Company, Inc.	2,000.00	
Insurance Recovery on Damages to Manse	1,778.71	
Rent on Havelock Lot	825.00	
Proceeds From Sale of North East Chapel	500.00	
Collected on Old Accounts	290.00	
Loan From Board of Church Extension	4,200.00	
Repayment of Loan by Little Chapel on Boardwalk	1,500.00	
Total Receipts		44,906.21
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE		$52,698.60
DISBURSEMENTS		
Pastors' Salaries	$17,552.16	
Emergency Grant to Pastor	300.00	
Expense of Moving Pastors to Fields	414.03	
Expense of Visits of Prospective Pastors	177.60	
Ministers' Annuity Fund Dues	797.44	
Renovation of Church and Manses	9,376.08	
Repairs and Maintenance—Manses	1,056.38	
Rent of Manse—Havelock	1,020.00	
Insurance on Property	88.20	
Taxes on Property	5.40	
Special Survey Worker	60.00	
Postage	19.91	
Daily Vacation Bible School Workers	100.00	
Church Extension Conference	128.32	
Miscellaneous Expense	96.22	
Payments on Loans	9,997.77	
Loan to Little Chapel on the Boardwalk	1,500.00	
Grants-in-aid to Churches	3,000.00	
Total Disbursements		45,689.51
BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR		$ 7,009.09
BALANCE ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:		
Peoples Savings Bank and Trust Company—On Deposit		$ 7,009.09

EXHIBIT "E"

OFFICE OF PRESBYTERY'S ADMINISTRATION
WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
DR. L. A. TAYLOR, TREASURER
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 1954

BALANCE ON HAND—January 1, 1954		$1,557.65
RECEIPTS		
Benevolences of Presbytery	$4,588.37	
Equalization Fund of 1953	1,000.00	
Equalization Fund of 1954	500.00	
Presbytery's Contingent Fund	300.00	
Total Receipts		6,388.37
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE		$7,946.02
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salary of Executive Secretary	$5,041.66	
Salary of Office Secretary	562.50	
Travel Expenses	1,192.37	
Annuity Dues on Salary	476.92	
Insurance and Hospitalization	79.40	
Postage	109.10	
Printing and Office Supplies	106.29	
Bank Exchange	51.05	
Telephone and Telegraph	183.91	
Miscellaneous	6.50	
Total Disbursements		7,809.70
BALANCE ON HAND—December 31, 1954		$ 136.32

EXHIBIT "D"

CHURCH AND MANSE ASSISTANCE FELLOWSHIP
WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
DR. L. A. TAYLOR, TREASURER
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 1954

BALANCE ON HAND—January 1, 1954		$1,558.10
RECEIPTS		
Response to Call #2—1953	$ 349.50	
Response to Call #1—1954	1,384.00	
Response to Call #2—1954	1,275.00	
Total Receipts		3,008.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE		$4,566.60
DISBURSEMENTS		
Bethany Church Building Fund	$1,896.20	
Trinity Manse Building Fund	1,370.50	
Acme Church Building Fund	1,000.00	
Bank Exchange	8.00	
Returned Checks	20.00	
Total Disbursements and Returned Checks		4,294.70
BALANCE ON HAND—December 31, 1954		$ 271.90

Rev. Wade H. Allison made the report of the Committee on Christian Education. He presented to the Presbytery a recommendation that Mr. Adolf Otersen, Jr. be admitted to examination as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Mr. Otersen was introduced to the Presbytery by Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, pastor of Mr. Otersen. Mr. Otersen was admitted to examination. The examination on experimental religion and motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry was conducted by Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was sustained. The question to be asked of candidates were propounded by the Moderator, and Rev. R. L. McBath gave a charge to the candidate. The proceedings were closed with prayer by Rev. Wade H. Allison. The name of Mr. Adolf Otersen, Jr. was enrolled as a candidate for the ministry under the care of the Presbytery. The written report of the committee was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Your Executive Committee on Higher Education was organized as a separate committee at the January meeting of Wilmington Presbytery as a result of the action taken by Presbytery at its Fall meeting when it was decided to make the sub-committee on Higher Education under the Executive Committee on Christian Education a separate Committee.

We have not had occasion to meet as a whole since that time, but will meet before the next meeting of Presbytery to draw up recommendations to present to the Presbytery concerning reports involving our Presbytery which will be presented to the Synod in July.

The Chairman attended a meeting of Synod's Committee on Higher Christian Education in Chapel Hill on March 10th at which our Campus Christian Work at Six institutions were most encouraging, but in every instance plans for expansion and more effective service called for more financial assistance. We have 2,130 Presbyterian students in our state institutions in contrast to 1,291 Presbyterian students in all our Presbyterian schools in this state. Our Campus Christian Work is increasingly effective in reaching and ministering to our Presbyterian students in our state institutions. Our annual reports showed that Wilmington Presbytery has a total of 177 students in college. Of these, 45 or 25.4%, are in Presbyterian schools; while 92, or 52% are in state schools. You can readily see the necessity of our support of the Campus Christian Work to maintain the influence of the Church in the lives of these students during their stay in college.

At the present time, we have ten candidates for the ministry under our care. During the year, Richard Perkins was ordained and Fenton Miller was dismissed upon request to Pee Dee Presbytery. George Powell will graduate from Columbia Seminary next month and has accepted work in Athens Presbytery. All of the candidates are doing creditable work in the schools they are attending.

The Chairman also attended the meeting of Synod's Commission on Educational Institutions, which met in Charlotte April 5-7 to consider the report and recommendations of the Educational Institutions Survey made on the grant from the Ford Foundation. After meeting two and a half days the Commission was not able to complete its work and a committee of five was

appointed to consolidate the findings and bring in recommendations at a meeting to be held on April 28th.

In the matter of Presbyterian Christian Higher Education one thing is crystal clear. We have come to a junction of two ways. One leads to real Christian Education that inspires confidence and adequate support, that will attract our young people and command their respect; the other to a continuing struggle to maintain mediocrity, to a decreasing effectiveness, and finally to the inevitable death of a number of our institutions. We must face realistically the plight of our church-related schools, which has been brought on by inflation, the dwindling income from endowment, the competition with the tax-supported schools, and most certainly the indifference of the Church. We must recognize how imperative Christian Higher Education is to the Church in furnishing leadership and in propagating the Gospel, to our American way of life in preserving and strengthening our moral and spiritual values, to all higher education in maintaining academic freedom, and be ready to do whatever needs to be done.

Recommendation: Urge the Churches to pay their full benevolence Percentage to Educational Institutions.

At the request of this committee the provision in the manual relative to the meeting date for the summer meeting of Presbytery was waived, and the date for the summer meeting was set for June 28, 1955.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

Resolutions of Thanks: Rev. W. B. Hood and Mr. R. V. Wells.

Leave of Absence: Rev. Taylor O. Bird and Mr. Melvin Cording.

Place of Next Meeting: Rev. B. E. Dotson, J. B. MacLeod and Mr. W. G. Prevatte.

The following were elected additional Commissioners to General Assembly:

Ministers: Principal: Rev. S. N. Thomas, Alternates: J. C. McCann and M. J. McChesney.

Ruling Elders: Principal: Ashley Murphy, Alternates: J. H. Clark and R. A. Powell. P. H. Gwynn was elected Chairman of the Commissioners to General Assembly.

Rev. Charles W. Worth, Chairman of the Judicial Commission appointed to confer with the Burgaw Church, relative to the articles of incorporation of the Church, reported progress and asked that the Commission be continued. The Commission was continued until the June meeting of the Presbytery.

The minutes of the Commission to install Rev. B. L. Rose, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, were read and admitted to record. They are as follows:

The Commission consisting of ministers E. D. Witherspoon, Chairman, S. M. Houck and H. J. Kaylor and Ruling Elders W. C. Mebane, C. S. Morse and W. M. Dickson, appointed by the Presbytery of Wilmington in special session at Wilmington at 2:30 p.m., February 17, 1955, for the purpose of installing the Rev. Ben Lacy Rose as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, N. C., met in the pastor's study of that church at 10:40 a.m. February 27, 1955 to perfect plans for the installation.

Also present were Dr. Ben R. Lacy, President, Union Seminary,

Richmond, Virginia, who was invited by the Presbytery to preach the sermon at the service, and the Rev. Ben L. Rose.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman and opened with prayer by Rev. S. M. Houck. Mr. Dickson was appointed by the Chairman to act as Clerk of the Commission.

Parts for the installation were assigned and the Commission retired to the Nave where the service was progressed as follows: Dr. E. D. Witherspoon presiding:

The Invocation	Dr. Witherspoon
Reading of the Scripture—2nd Chapter of Titus	Dr. Witherspoon
The Pastoral Prayer	Dr. Witherspoon
The Sermon—"A Peculiar People"	Dr. Ben R. Lacy
Statement of Purpose	Dr. Witherspoon
Propounding of the Constitutional Question	Dr. Witherspoon
Pronouncement of Installation	Dr. Witherspoon
Prayer of Installation	Rev. H. J. Kaylor
Charge to the Pastor	Dr. W. C. Mebane
Charge to the Congregation	Rev. S. M. Houck
The Benediction	Dr. Ben L. Rose

Immediately after the service the Commission reconvened in the Pastor's study and the minutes of the Commission read and approved.

On motion, the Commission adjourned after prayer by Mr. Houck.

Respectfully,

W. M. DICKSON,
Clerk of the Commission

Wilmington, North Carolina
Sunday, February 27, 1955

The minutes of the Commission to install Rev. Albert G. Harris, Jr., Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City, were read and admitted to record. The minutes are as follows:

The Commission of Wilmington Presbytery to install Rev. Albert G. Harris, Jr., as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Morehead City met in the Session Room of the Church at 7:10 Sunday night, March 6, 1955. The members of the Commission present were: Dr. L. A. Taylor, Dr. B. Frank Hall, Rev. John S. Steele, Elders: M. L. McClimon, James Murdock and Ramie Davis.

The meeting of the Commission was opened with prayer by Dr. L. A. Taylor.

Rev. John S. Steele was elected Clerk of Commission.

The members of the Commission were assigned the following parts by Dr. L. A. Taylor:

Dr. L. A. Taylor to preside and ask Constitutional Questions of congregation and minister.

Ruling Elder M. L. McClimon to offer the invocation prayer.
Dr. B. Frank Hall to preach the sermon.
Elder James Murdock to offer installation prayer.
Elder Ramie Davis to Charge the Pastor.
Rev. John S. Steele to Charge the Congregation.

After the several parts were assigned the Commission adjourned to the sanctuary of the Church for the installation service.

Immediately after the service the Commission reconvened for the closing of the meeting of the Commission.

The minutes of the meeting of the Commission were read and approved.

The meeting of the Commission closed with prayer by the Rev. John S. Steele.

JOHN S. STEELE,
Clerk

The Ad Interim Committee appointed at the January meeting of Presbytery to make recommendation to the Presbytery relative to a proposed additional chapter in the Book of Church Order on "The Director of Christian Education" recommended that an overture be sent to General Assembly as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES TO WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY, APRIL 26, 1955

Your committee recommends that Wilmington Presbytery overture the General Assembly to appoint an ad interim committee to study this whole question of commissioning church workers and to report back to the 1956 General Assembly. Such an ad interim committee to be instructed to consider specifically the different categories of service to be included (choir directors, minister of music and organists are omitted from the Amendment as it now stands, though there is an increasing number in this category who have had extensive professional training); the standards of training on both the college and graduate level; what kind of certification should be provided, if any; etc., R. L. McBath, Chairman, D. S. Carr, P. H. Gwynn and H. H. Hilton.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Standing Committee on Leave of Absence made its report recommending that Rev. J. W. Ware and J. W. Little be excused from this meeting of Presbytery and that the following be excused from a part of the session: Mr. F. A. Newman, Mr. H. A. Parker, Mr. Ray Smith and Rev. Messrs. B. L. Rose, N. P. Farrior and W. H. Allison. The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions moved the adoption of the Resolution which had been approved at the lunch hour. The motion was adopted and the resolutions are as follows: "Our Committee has observed the careful preparation for the welcoming, comfort and care of this meeting of Wilmington Presbytery, contributing to its efficiency both in fellowship and work.

We desire to express our heartfelt appreciation to Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church, its officers, and Pastor and particularly to the Women of the Church for their delightful hospitality."

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. HOOD
R. V. WELLS

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting recommended that the invitation of the Lake Waccamaw Church for the summer meeting of Presbytery be accepted. The recommendation was adopted. (NOTE: Both the Grove Church and the Pollocksville Church made request to entertain the Fall meeting of Presbytery.)

The treasurer of the Contingent fund of the Presbytery was authorized to make a temporary loan in the amount of $1,500.00 from that fund to the Acme Church, the loan to be repaid from a loan now in process through the Church Extension Committee, to the Home Mission Committee.

The Committee on Christian Education was authorized to investigate possibilities for a camp and conference site for the Presbytery.

Rev. H. J. Kaylor, Jr. was nominated as moderator for the summer meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Dr. L. A. Taylor.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk

MEMORIAL TO REV. GEORGE B. WILLIAMS, JR.

The Reverend George B. Williams, Jr., active member of Wilmington Presbytery, died on March 30, 1955 from a four-months' illness of acute leukemia. His death occurred in the Veterans' Hospital, Houston, Texas, where he had been flown on March 7th from Bullock Hospital in Wilmington.

He was born in Houston, Texas May 18, 1922, and was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, Houston before entering the ministry. He graduated from The Rice Institute in 1943 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, worked as an engineer for Westinghouse Electrical Co. for two years. He then entered Union Theological Seminary, graduating with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1948. While at the seminary, he received the Monroe Wicker Award for Outstanding Students and was on the first Evangelistic Team sent out by the seminary. He did summer work in Gaffney, South Carolina and the First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas. He was ordained in 1948 by the Presbytery of Western Texas and began serving immediately as Assistant Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, Texas.

In 1949 he accepted the call to the Harlandale Church of San Antonio. While there, he served as Moderator of the Presbytery of Western Texas, Adult Advisor to the Presbytery's Youth Council and Director of the Presbytery's Senior Summer Camps. He entered the Air Force Chaplaincy serving in Valdosta, Georgia and Montgomery, Ala. He then accepted the call to the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Havelock, N. C., where he was serving at the time of his illness. In the one year with Trinity Presbyterian church his forceful leadership did much for the church and community. One visible evidence of this is that although the church is 33rd in membership in Wilmington Presbytery it ranks 2nd in overall per capita giving.

He served as Moderator of the Presbytery at the July 1954 meeting and counciled in the Senior High Summer camp.

Memorial Services were held following a grave side committal at the Second Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas, with the Reverend Mr. John P. Minter of Sherman, Texas officiating, assisted by Dr. James R. Bulluck, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Houston. Memorial Services were also held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Havelock, N. C. on April 17, 1955. Survivors include: His wife, Mrs. Bernice Clark Williams; two sons, George Terrell and John Lawrence; all of San Antonio, Texas. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Williams of Houston; one sister, Mrs. James U. Crockett of Concord, Mass.

Though the years of his ministry were brief, the power of his completely dedicated life has left an impact on his congregation, military and civilian, that will live on.

M. L. McCLIMON

DIRECTORY

Moderator: January meeting, Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, April meeting, L. B. Huie.

Stated Clerk, Executive Secretary, Treasurer: Dr. L. A. Taylor.

Permanent Clerk: Rev. Samuel M. Houck.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark, and J. Kyle Bannerman.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1955—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, *1956*—Rev. M. C. MacQueen.

TRUSTEES OF PEACE COLLEGE

1955—Rev. William Hood, *1956*—Addis P. Cates,

TRUSTEES OF FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

1955—J. Rufus Marks, E. L. Derrick, D. M. Calhoun, Dallas Herring.

1956—Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. J. W. Miller, Mr. J. A. Love, Dr. W. C. Mebane.

1957—Leslie N. Boney, Mrs. O. L. Parker, W. T. McLean, C. W. Worth.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Chairman; Rev. Norman P. Farrior, Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Mrs. E. N. Pittman, Mrs. D. D. Clark, Miss Mary Mac Witherspoon, Mr. Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Mr. Frank S. Wilson, Mr. H. E. Latham, Mr. Hugh Oosterwyk, Mr. H. M. Dickens and Mr. W. E. Perdew.

CHURCH EXTENSION

1955—Dr. B. Frank Hall, Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, Mr. Hugh Johnson.

1956—Rev. Robert L. McBath, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Mr. L. B. Huie, Mrs. J. N. Clark.

1957—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, A. L. Cavenaugh, M. J. McChesney, Norman H. Flowers.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Home Mission: Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Chairman; Rev. M. J. McChesney, Rev. Robert L. McBath, Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Rev. Charles W. Worth, Mr. Fred E. Little, Mr. Melvin Cording, Mr. A. L. Cavenaugh, Mrs. J. N. Clark.

Evangelism: Dr. W. C. Mebane, Chairman; Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Mr. Hugh Johnson, Mrs. Glasgow Hicks, Rev. Ben L. Rose, Rev. Horace H. Hilton.

Christian Relations: Rev. F. C. Hutcheson, Chairman; Rev. W. B. Hood, Mr. L. B. Huie.

Negro Work: Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Chairman; Rev. Jerry C. McCann.

Radio: Dr. B. Frank Hall, Chairman; Rev. Norman H. Flowers, Rev. John S. Steele, Mr. H. M. Leaman.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Samuel M. Houck, *Chairman*

1955—Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Rev. John S. Steele, Rev. Robert L. McBath, Mrs. D. D. Clark.

1956—Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Rev. J. S. Walkup, Rev. J. W. Ware, Mr. Algie Sutton, Mrs. Ash Miller.

1957—Rev. J. C. McCann, Mrs. M. C. MacQueen, Mr. Leo Derrick, Sr., Mrs. W. J. Elkins.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Children's Work: Rev. J. C. McCann, Chairman.

Senior High Work: Rev. Jack W. Ware, Chairman.

Pioneer Work: Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Chairman.

Men's Work: Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Chairman.

Young Adult Work: Rev. John S. Steele, Chairman.

Leadership Education: Rev. J. S. Walkup, Chairman.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Rev. Wade H. Allison, Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Rev. Joseph B. MacLeod, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, Mr. Rufus Marks, Mr. H. L. Joslyn, C. S. Clark, Mrs. Frank W. Jones.

WORLD MISSIONS

Rev. Norman P. Farrior, *Chairman*

1955—Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor, Mr. W. A. Patterson.

1956—Rev. Norman P. Farrior, Mr. D. M. Calhoun.

1957—Rev. Fitzhugh Clark, Mr. Henry Southerland.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, *Chairman*

1955—Rev. W. F. F. Little, Mr. H. M. Leamon.

1956—Rev. Leslie C. Tucker, Mr. H. M. Johnson.

1957—Rev. James A. Marrow, Mr. J. G. Dickson.

HOMES

Rev. Jerry C. McCann, *Chairman*

1955—Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Mrs. P. R. Smith.

1956—Rev. Jerry C. McCann, Mr. D. A. Boyette.

1957—Rev. J. Shepherd Russell, Mr. E. H. Munroe.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Rev. B. E. Dotson, *Chairman*

Area 1—Rev. Walter H. Goodman (55), Rev. B. E. Dotson (56), Rev. Taylor O. Bird (57).

Area 2—Dr. B. Frank Hall (55), Rev. Samuel M. Houck (56), Rev. Thomas B. Ruff (57).

Area 3—Rev. Robert L. McBath (55), Rev. F. C. Hutcheson (56), Rev. J. S. Walkup (57).

AUDITS

1956—W. E. Perdew, R. C. Platt, Jr., Jordan Sloan.

RECORDS

Rev. Thomas B. Ruff, *Chairman*

1955—Mr. W. M. Dickson.
1956—Rev. Thomas B. Ruff.
1957—Rev. J. Clyde Plexico.

ASSEMBLY'S CAUSES

Rev. John S. Steele, *Chairman*

1955—Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor.
1956—
1957—Rev. John S. Steele.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Jack W. Ware, *Chairman*

1955—Rev. J. S. Russell.
1956—Rev. Jack W. Ware.
1957—Mr. A. C. Pate.

EXAMINATIONS

Dr. B. Frank Hall, *Chairman*

Theology—1955, Dr. B. Frank Hall, *1956,* Dr. Price H. Gwynn.

Experimental Religion—1955, Rev. M. C. MacQueen; *1956,* Rev. B. E. Dotson.

Sacraments and Church Government—1955, Rev. M. J. McChesney; *1956,* J. W. Miller, *1957.*

English Bible—1955, Dr. E. D. Witherspoon; *1956,* Rev. James A. Marrow.

Academic Studies—1955, Rev. W. F. F. Little; *1957,* Rev. Neill G. Stevens.

NOMINATIONS

1955—Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Rev. S. N. Thomas, Rev. B. E. Dotson, Mr. A. L. Cavenaugh, Mr. J. Kyle Bannerman.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1955—Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Rev. N. P. Farrior.
1956—Rev. Charles Worth, Dr. W. C. Mebane.
1957—Rev. J. W. Miller, Mr. Rufus Marks.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1954

Number of Ordained Ministers	49
Number of Churches	81
Number of Candidates for the Ministry	10
Number of Ordinations	3
Number of Installations of Pastors	16
Number of Dissolutions of Pastorates	7
Number of Churches Organized	1
Number of Ruling Elders	501
Number of Deacons	597
Number Added on Profession of Faith	402
Number Added by Certificate, etc.	588
Number of Adult Baptisms	262
Number of Infant Baptisms	227
Number of Communicants	12,123
Sunday School Enrollment	11,188
Contributions to Benevolences	$196,661
Contributions to Current Expenses	367,624
Contributions to Building Expenses	139,192
Total Contributions	$703,477

SUMMARY OF EVANGELISTIC GAINS AND LOSSES FOR YEAR 1954

46 Churches Reported Gains for a Total of	688
22 Churches Reported Losses for a Total of	405*
10 Churches Reported No Gains or Losses	
3 Churches Failed to Report	
Net Gains for the Year	283

*The losses were mainly in two churches:

St. Andrews-Covenant with a loss of 157 had dismissed 100 to the newly organized Westminster church.

First Church Wilmington had a loss of 174 due to corrections made in the church roll.

The remaining 20 churches had a combined loss of 74.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Number of Sunday Schools	80
Total Enrollment—(Average Attendance 7426)	11,188
Nursery (0-3)	638
Kindergarten (4-5)	918
Primary (6-7)	1,257
Juniors (9-11)	1,097
Pioneers (12-14)	744
Senior-Hi (15-17)	962
Young Adult Bible Classes	842
Men's Bible Classes	962
Women's Bible Classes	1,000
Mixed Bible Classes	1,289
Officers and Teachers	830
Number of Vacation Church Schools	48
Total Enrollment	3,363
Sunday Schools Having Second Session:	
For Primary Ages 10, Total Enrollment	56
For Junior Ages 13, Total Enrollment	142
For Pioneer Ages 22, Total Enrollment	354
For Senior-Hi Ages 27, Total Enrollment	411
For Young Adult Ages 9, Total Enrollment	291
For Men's Organizations Ages 25 Total Enrollment	723

NAME OF CHURCH	CLERK OF SESSION	GEN. TREAS.	BEN. TREAS.
Acme	J. D. Dailey Acme, N. C.	E. L. McNair Acme, N. C.	Same
Antioch	Mrs. Alice S. Caulk Rt. 1, Jacksonville, N. C.	Arnold Marshburn Rt. 3, Jacksonville, N. C.	Same
Ashwood	C. L. Braddy Council, N. C.	E. W. Miller Council, N. C.	Same
Baker	Granger Tadlock Rt. 4, Mt. Olive, N. C.	B. C. Thigpen Rt. 4, Mt. Olive, N. C.	Same
Bethany	H. B. Rivenbark RFD 1, Box 65 Wilmington, N. C.	G. G. Thomas 3705 Stratford Ave. Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Beth Car	A. H. Singletary Tar Heel, N. C.	C. O. McNair, Jr. Tar Heel, N. C.	Same
Bethel	Arthur R. Wood Beulaville, N. C.	Mrs. Graham Reece Chinquapin, N. C.	Same
Beulaville	R. V. Cupp Beulaville, N. C.	Aubrey Johnston Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Black River	E. W. Reeves Ivanhoe, N. C.	William Corbett Ivanhoe, N. C.	Same
Bladenboro	J. F. Davis Bladenboro, N. C.	Mrs. E. L. Edwards Bladenboro, N. C.	Same
Bowden	Herman Taylor RFD, Faison, N. C.	Mrs. J. H. Moore, Sr. Bowden, N. C.	Same
Brunswick	R. A. Powell Brunswick, N. C.	H. M. Williamson Brunswick, N. C.	Same
Burgaw	T. T. Murphy Burgaw, N. C.	John W. Reade, Jr. Burgaw, N. C.	Same
Calypso	Leon L. Flowers Calypso, N. C.	S. D. Davis, Jr. Calypso, N. C.	Same
Cape Fear	S. G. Withers 111 South 39th Street Wilmington, N. C.	Thomas Blackham 1 J Lake Village Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Carolina Beach	C. F. Cameron Box 765 Carolina Beach, N. C.	C. T. Strickland Box 618 A Carolina Beach, N. C.	Same
Caswell	D. Graham Shaw Atkinson, N. C.	George Highsmith Rt. 2, Burgaw, N. C.	Same
Chadbourn	J. M. Jackson Box 346 Chadbourn, N. C.	H. G. McQueen Box 302 Chadbourn, N. C.	Same
Chapel on the Boardwalk	Edward Mallory Wrightsville Beach, N. C.	M. J. Hudgens Route 3, Box 291	Same
Chinquapin	George F. Landen Chinquapin, N. C.	Wilmington, N. C. Joseph Williams	Same
Clarkton	C. S. Clark Box 128 Clarkton, N. C.	Beulaville, N. C. I. A. Singletary Clarkton, N. C.	Same
Croatan	C. L. Hughes Rt. 4, New Bern, N. C.	Miss Leona Tolson Rt. 4, New Bern, N. C.	Same
Currie	H. C. Walker Currie, N. C.	Marvin Richards Currie, N. C.	Same
Delgado	W. C. Scoggins 1909 Castle Street Wilmington, N. C.	R. V. Hardison 1414 Castle Street Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Elizabethtown	D. M. Calhoun Elizabethtown, N. C.	Dr. G. W. Fisher, Jr. Elizabethtown, N. C.	Same
Elkton	W. J. Elkins Rt. 2, Clarkton, N. C.	Mrs. W. J. Elkins Rt. 2, Clarkton, N. C.	Same
Faison	A. P. Cates Faison, N. C.	M. C. Bowden Faison, N. C.	Same
Graves Memorial	F. B. Johnson Main Street Clinton, N. C.	J. R. Hubbard Box 695 Clinton, N. C.	Same

NAME OF CHURCH	CLERK OF SESSION	GEN. TREAS.	BEN. TREAS.
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Hallsville	Andrew H. Miller RFD 2, Kenansville, N. C.	Leonard Kennedy RFD 1, Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Harmony	R. E. Pendergrass Tomahawk, N. C.	A. P. Shaw Harrells, N. C.	Same
Harper-Southerland	Nick Smith Pink Hill, N. C.	J. Blanchard Southerland Albertson, N. C.	Same
Hebron	W. G. Smith Albertson, N. C.	W. G. Smith Albertson, N. C.	Same
Holly Grove	Romie Williamson RFD 4, Clinton, N. C.	W. R. Price Rt. 2, Clinton, N. C.	Same
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Lake Waccamaw	John Council, Sr. Wananish, N. C.	P. G. Sutton Lake Waccamaw, N. C.	Same
Maple Hill	S. A. Lanier Maple Hill, N. C.	Fred W. Harrell Maple Hill, N. C.	Same
McClure Memorial	E. J. Scott Rt. 1, Rocky Point, N. C.	P. H. Braak Castle Hayne, N. C.	Same
Morehead, First	D. Cordova 2507 Arendell Street Morehead City, N. C.	T. C. Hyman 825½ Arendell Street Morehead City, N. C.	Same
Mt. Horeb	Homer Munroe Rt. 1, Council, N. C.	Radford Allen Rt. 1, Council, N. C.	Same
Mt. Olive	T. N. McGee Mt. Olive, N. C.	Reath Jones Mt. Olive, N. C.	Same
Mt. Williams	R. A. Thigpen Burgaw, N. C.	R. F. Humphrey Burgaw, N. C.	R. A. Thigpen Burgaw, N. C.
Mt. Zion	M. L. Carr Rose Hill, N. C.	Clayton Herring Rose Hill, N. C.	Same
Myrtle Grove	T. C. Gurganus Rt. 2, Box 142 Wilmington, N. C.	M. H. Allen, Jr. Rt. 2, Box 360 Wilmington, N. C.	Same
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Oakdale	Roland Robeson White Oak, N. C.	Robert Dunn White Oak, N. C.	Same
Oak Grove	R. H. Ellis 144 Hollbrook Avenue Wilmington, N. C.	H. R. Powell 208 Parkway Blvd. Wilmington, N. C.	Same
Oak Plains	W. Herman Hall Rose Hill, N. C.	Robert Ward RFD, Rose Hill, N. C.	Same
Page's Mill	Jessie Batten RFD, Chadbourn, N. C.	Miss Lucy Tipton Chadbourn, N. C.	Same
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Pike	Wiley Batson RFD, Burgaw, N. C.	J. K. Hewett Rocky Point, N. C.	Same
Pineland	Troy King RFD, Maple Hill, N. C.	Troy King RFD, Maple Hill, N. C.	Same
Pink Hill	Dr. H. A. Edwards Pink Hill, N. C.	Levi Everette Pink Hill, N. C.	Same
Pleasant View	Durham Grady Albertson, N. C.	Lawrence Mewborn Albertson, N. C.	Robert Grady Albertson, N. C.
Pollocksville	R. P. Bender Pollocksville, N. C.	F. T. Bender Pollocksville, N. C.	Same

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Southport	Harold F. Alridge Box 312 Southport, N. C.	Harold F. Alridge Box 312 Southport, N. C.	Same
South River			
Stafford Memorial	J. J. Stafford, Jr. Garland, N. C.	Harold B. Lamb Garland, N. C.	Same
Stanford	John Ed Roberts Route 2 Mt. Olive, N. C.	Jack Smith Route 2 Mt. Olive, N. C.	Same
Tabor City	W. O. Jackson, Jr. Tabor City, N. C.	Howard S. Wooten Tabor City, N. C.	Same
Teachey	C. C. McMillan Teachey, N. C.	Benjamine Brinkley RFD, Teachey, N. C.	Same
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Trinity	M. L. McClimon 6 Holly Drive Havelock, N. C.	David A. O'Neil 3 Azalea Court Havelock, N. C.	Same
Wallace	J. N. Wells Wallace, N. C.	Mrs. Mary Wallace Jones Wallace, N. C.	Same
Warsaw	Aubrey L. Cavenaugh Warsaw, N. C.	J. C. Page Warsaw, N. C.	Same
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Whiteville, First	H. G. Reeves Whiteville, N. C.	R. T. Beason Whiteville, N. C.	Same
Wildwood	James G. Murdock Wildwood, N. C.	R. T. Dickenson Wildwood, N. C.	Same
Willard	H. McN. Johnson Willard, N. C.	Mrs. R. W. Powers Wallace, N. C.	Same
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Woodburn	Mac. F. Jones Leland, N. C.	Harrell Paden Leland, N. C.	Same

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Hallsville	Leonard Kennedy	Beulaville, N. C.
Harmony	Hayes Anders	Ivanhoe, N. C.
Harper-Southerland	Rodney Harper	Albertson, N. C.
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Pollocksville	V. A. Bender, Jr.	Pollocksville, N. C.
Potts Memorial	W. M. Murphy	Willard, N. C.
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Faison	A. M. Davis	Faison, N. C.
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Grove	D. H. McKay	Kenansville, N. C.
Hallsville	W. L. Miller	RFD 1, Beulaville, N. C.
Harmony	Herbert Pate	Harrells, N. C.
Harper-Southerland	Paul Tyndall	Albertson, N. C.
Hebron	(No School)	
Holly Grove	Monk Matthis	Route 2, Clinton, N. C.
Hopewell	J. S. Newkirk	RFD, Watha, N. C.
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Lake Waccamaw	(Didn't Give One)	
Maple Hill	(Didn't Give One)	
McClure Memorial	A. F. Wells	Castle Hayne, N. C.
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New Hope	Dan R. Johnson	Winnabow, N. C.
Oakdale	Jennings Davis	White Oak, N. C.
Oak Grove	Jessie Clemmons	South Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.
Oak Plains	Joseph Newkirk	RFD, Magnolia, N. C.
Page's Mill	Rev. L. C. Tucker	Chadbourn, N. C.
Pearsall Memorial	E. Dan James	3825 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C.
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Pineland	Charles R. Rawls	RFD, Maple Hill, N. C.
Pink Hill	Frank Wiley	Pink Hill, N. C.
Pleasant View	Robert Grady	Albertson, N. C.
Pollocksville	Virgil Bender	Pollocksville, N. C.
Potts Memorial	Z. R. Atkinson	Wallace, N. C.
Rockfish	W. H. Forlaw	Teachey, N. C.
Rocky Point	D. Lee Wells	Rocky Point, N. C.
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Southport	Harold F. Aldridge	Box 312, Southport, N. C.
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Stanford	Jack Smith	RFD 2, Mt. Olive, N. C.
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Willard	E. L. English, Jr.	Willard, N. C.
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MINISTERS	POST OFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers		Communicants			Baptisms	
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Profession	Added on Certificate	Communicants	Adult	Infant
Wade H. Allison, P	Rose Hill, N. C.	Mt. Zion*†	9	12	12	0	217	8	4
Wade H. Allison, P	R.F.D., Rose Hill, N. C.	Oak Plains†	6	4	0	1	52	0	1
Wade H. Allison, S.S.	Teachey, N. C.	Teachey†	6	5	2	0	112	2	1
Taylor O. Bird, P	Faison, N. C.	Faison*†	6	8	2	4	193	2	2
Taylor O. Bird, P	Calypso, N. C.	Calypso†	7	8	0	3	124	0	1
Taylor O. Bird, P	R.F.D., Mount Olive, N. C.	Stanford†	6	6	1	0	117	1	0
E. B. Carr, H.R.	R.F.D., Wallace, N. C.								
J. Fitzhugh Clark, P	Rocky Point, N. C.	Rocky Point*†	3	5	23	2	87	21	1
J. Fitzhugh Clark, P	Currie, N. C.	Currie	4	4	3	5	42	3	0
J. Fitzhugh Clark, P	R.F.D., Burgaw, N. C.	Pike	5	5	1	0	62	1	0
P. L. Clark, S.S.	Burgaw, N. C.	Mt. Williams	1	2	0	1	31	0	0
P. L. Clark, S.S.	Maple Hill, N. C.	Maple Hill	2	1	0	0	27	0	0
J. S. Crowley, H.R.	Wilmington, N. C.								
George W. Doherty	Chinquapin, N. C.								
B. E. Dotson, P	Mount Olive, N. C.	Mount Olive*†	10	13	1	23	337	0	9
B. E. Dotson, P	R.F.D., Mount Olive, N. C.	Baker†	4	2	2	0	58	2	3
John L. Fairly, Sec.	Richmond, Virginia								
N. P. Farrior, P	Pink Hill, N. C.	Pink Hill*†	3	6	5	0	78	5	0
N. P. Farrior, P	R.F.D., Pink Hill, N. C.	Smith†	4	7	5	0	82	5	0
N. P. Farrior, P	R.F.D., Pink Hill, N. C.	Hebron	2	0	0	0	15	0	0
N. P. Farrior, P	Albertson, N. C.	Pleasant View†	4	3	1	0	67	1	0
N. P. Farrior, P	R.F.D., Albertson, N. C.	Harper-Southerland†	2	3	0	0	39	0	0
Norman H. Flowers, P	Warsaw, N. C.	Warsaw*†	7	15	9	5	185	7	8
Norman H. Flowers, P	Bowden, N. C.	Bowden Community†	5	5	4	1	43	4	0
W. H. Goodman, Jr., P	Beulaville, N. C.	Beulaville†	4	5	4	4	111	4	2
W. H. Goodman, Jr., S.S.	R.F.D., Jacksonville, N. C.	Antioch	4	3	6	1	49	6	0
Price H. Gwynn, Dean	Red Springs, N. C.								
B. Frank Hall	Wrightsville Beach, N. C.								
B. Frank Hall, P	Wilmington, N. C.	Pearsall Memorial*†	13	15	18	16	336	10	14
Horace H. Hilton, P	Wilmington, N. C.	Winter Park*†	8	12	16	20	345	16	3
W. B. Hood, P	Wallace, N. C.	Wallace*†	12	12	21	15	410	7	14
S. M. Houck, P	Wilmington, N. C.	Bethany*†	5	8	14	14	193	7	1
S. M. Houck, P	Castle Hayne, N. C.	McClure Memorial†	4	8	6	2	118	4	3
F. C. Hutcheson, P	Tabor City, N. C.	Tabor City*†	2	4	4	7	56	4	1
F. C. Hutcheson, P	Brunswick, N. C.	Brunswick†	3	4	5	5	67	5	0
H. J. Kaylor, P	Wilmington, N. C.	Westminster (Wil.)*†	7	10	19	30	148	19	3
Charles L. Kirby, P	Atkinson, N. C.	Caswell*†	4	7	4	6	118	4	1
		Black River†	4	6	0	1	64	0	1

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2—J. L. Fairly
3—C. C. Myers
4—D. L. Williamson (F.M.)
5—J. W. Miller
6—J. S. Crowley (H.R.)
7—M. C. MacQueen
8—E. B. Carr (H.R.)
9—B. E. Dotson
10—N. P. Farrior
11—W. H. Allison
12—F. M. Thompson (H.R.)
13—E. D. Witherspoon
14—L. A. Taylor
15—W. B. Hood
16—F. W. Lewis (H.R.)
17—W. H. Goodman, Jr.
18—B. F. Hall
19—M. G. Stimpson
20—Neill G. Stevens
21—R. L. McBath
22—W. F. F. Little
23—J. W. Ware
24—S. M. Houck
25—M. J. McChesney
26—P. H. Gwynn
27—T. B. Ruff
28—Preston C. Oliver
29—S. N. Thomas
30—F. C. Hutcheson
31—J. C. McCann
32—H. J. Kaylor
33—T. O. Bird
34—N. H. Flowers
35—L. C. Moore (F.M.)
36—C. L. Kirby
37—J. F. Clark
38—C. W. Worth
39—J. S. Steele
40—J. S. Walkup
41—H. H. Hilton
42—J. C. Plexico
43—J. A. Marrow
44—J. B. MacLeod
45—J. S. Russell
46—R. F. Perkins
47—B. L. Rose
48—A. G. Harris, Jr.
49—A. M. Daniel
50—R. H. Erwin
51—S. T. Snively
52—J. R. Phipps
53—J. W. McGinnis

CHURCHES

Name, Year Organized	Name, Year Organized	Name, Year Organized
Acme, 1892	Grove, 1736	Potts Mem., 1945
Antioch, 1925	Hallsville, 1900	Rockfish, 1756
Ashwood, 1922	Harmony, 1887	Rocky Point, 1922
Baker, 1934	Harper-South'd, 1945	St. Andrews, 1858
Bethany, 1944	Hebron, 1886	Ch. of Covenant, 1918 Merged—1944
Beth Carr, 1819	Holly Grove, 1914	Smith, 1895
Bethel, 1924	Hopewell, 1800	Southport, 1902
Beulaville, 1917	Immanuel, 1895	South River, 1796
Black River, 1740	Jacksonville, 1911	Stanford, 1892
Bladenboro, 1889	Lake Waccamaw, 1921	Stafford Mem., 1951
Bowden, 1905	Maple Hill, 1887	Tabor City, 1944
Brunswick, 1947	McClure Mem., 1940	Teachey, 1902
Burgaw, 1879	Mt. Horeb, 1843	Topsail, 1871
Calypso, 1903	Mt. Olive, 1878	Trinity, 1954
Cape Fear, 1944	Mt. Williams, 1845	Wallace, 1884
Carolina Beach, 1943	Mt. Zion, 1858	Warsaw, 1884
Caswell, 1858	Myrtle Grove, 1944	Webb Mem., 1929
Chadbourn, 1897	New Hope, 1889	Westminister, 1920
Chapel on Board-walk, 1952	Oakdale, 1933	Westminster (Wilmington), 1954
Chinquapin, 1884	Oak Grove, 1952	White Plains, 1850
Clarkton, 1795	Oak Plains, 1859	Whiteville First, 1869
Croatan, 1884	Page's Mill, 1946	Wildwood, 1898
Currie, 1914	Pearsall Mem., 1914	Willard, 1915
Delgado, 1916	Pike, 1856	Wilmington First, 1817
Elizabethtown, 1834	Pineland, 1953	Winter Park, 1913
Elkton, 1917	Pink Hill, 1917	Woodburn, 1924
Faison, 1857	Pleasant View, 1924	
Graves Mem., 1838	Pollocksville, 1868	

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Richard Bethune, Wilbur Boice, Eugene Davis, Clifton Dixon, Archie Faires, Lucius Gray, Adolf Otersen, Eugene Witherspoon, Perry Robinson.

STATED SESSION

The 191st Stated Session of the Presbytery of Wilmington convened at the Lake Waccamaw Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, June 28, 1955 at 10:00 a.m. At the request of the Moderator, Ruling Elder L. B. Huie, the sermon was preached by Rev. N. H. Flowers, who used as his text: Exodus 14:15.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was conducted by Rev. B. L. Rose and Rev. A. G. Harris.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. J. Clyde Plexico.

The following were enrolled:

Ministers T. O. Bird, P. L. Clark, J. S. Crowley, Fitzhugh Clark, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, N. H. Flowers, W. H. Goodman, Jr., P. H. Gwynn, H. H. Hilton, W. B. Hood, S. M. Houck, F. C. Hutcheson, H. J. Kaylor, W. F. F. Little, J. A. Marrow, M. C. MacQueen, J. C. McCann, M. J. McChesney, J. B. McLeod, J. W. Miller, C. C. Myers, J. C. Plexico, J. S. Russell, T. B. Ruff, N. G. Stevens, M. G. Stimpson, L. A. Taylor, J. S. Steele, S. N. Thomas, L. C. Tucker, J. W. Ware, J. W. Walkup, C. W. Worth, A. G. Harris, Jr., Ben L. Rose and C. S. McChesney.

The following Churches were enrolled by representatives:

Baker, Grainger Tadlock; Bethany, Peter Groot; Beth Carr, P. H. Myers; Bethel, J. E. Albertson; Beulaville, W. W. Gresham; Black River, E. W. Reeves; Brunswick, Clyde Williams; Burgaw, L. R. Bradshaw; Calypso, Ed Lewis; Carolina Beach, W. J. McDonald; Caswell, Graham Shaw; Chadbourn, E. L. Derrick, Sr.; Chinquapin, G. F. Landen; Clarkton, DeWitt Clark; Delgado, W. F. Fales; Elizabethtown, J. R. Powell; Elkton, J. S. Elkins; Faison, W. C. Bowden; Graves Memorial, P. S. Carr; Grove, J. L. Williams; Hallsville, Ralph Miller; Harper-Southerland, Nick Smith; Immanuel, A. D. Maynard; Jacksonville, John A. Clayton; Lake Waccamaw, J. M. Council, Sr.; McClure Memorial, J. S. Cameron; Morehead, First, Alex Lewis; Mt. Horeb, James Monroe; Mt. Olive, W. B. Wheeler; Mt. Zion, H. E. Latham; New Hope, S. L. Purvis; Oak Plains, Kenneth Taylor; Pearsall Memorial, Paul Jordan; Pinelands, Troy King; Pollocksville, Bryan Bender; St. Andrews-Covenant, J. E. Hearn; Smiths, J. R. Thomas; Southport, Harold F. Aldridge; Stanford, Ralph A. Jones; Stafford Memorial, D. L. Cromartie; Teachey, H. M. Wells; Topsail, Johnnie G. Thomas; Trinity, William E. Baird; Wallace, J. B. Boney, Warsaw, J. M. Pierce, Jr.; Whiteville, First, J. R. Marks; Westminster (Whiteville), Dr. R. L. Saddler; White Plains, Nash Clark; Wildwood, J. G. Murdock; Willard, C. R. Dillard; Wilmington, First, A. E. Gibson; Westminster (Wilmington), C. P. Gorman; Winter Park, G. G. Murray; Chapel on the Boardwalk, J. Howard Smith.

A quorum was present.

Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor was elected moderator.

The following were introduced to Presbytery: Candidates Stradford Snively, Al Daniels, Reid Erwin, C. W. Kimbrough, Morris Musick and Frank Enders. Ruling Elders representing

Churches for the first time were introduced by their respective Pastors.

The following communications were read:

From: Presbyterian Survey, setting forth plans for congregations subscribing to this paper for each family in the church, received as information.

From: Mr. J. H. Clark, requesting that he be excused from giving his report as a Commissioner to the General Assembly in person. The request was granted.

From: The Presbytery of Athens, requesting a letter of dismissal for candidate George Powell.

Request was granted and a letter of dismissal ordered sent.

The docket, prepared by the Stated Clerk, was presented to Presbytery and adopted.

A partial report of the Council of Presbytery was presented by the Chairman of the Council, the Rev. S. M. Houck and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY, JUNE 28, 1955

Since the report of the Council to Presbytery last September, one meeting of the Council has been held, at this meeting only 7 of the members were present. In addition to these, present by invitation were Mr. C. F. Mallard and Mr. A. L. Cavenaugh. The Executive Committee of the Council has also met once since that report.

The Past Year

From reports of the work done in our Presbytery last year, we are encouraged to give thanks to God for his blessings upon our efforts to "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes." Our churches were concerned with Evangelism and with Home Missions, with Christian Education and with the support of the benevolence program of the Church as a whole. For every evidence of a stronger work among the churches of the Presbytery, and of a greater interest in and concern for the work of the Church to the ends of the carth, we are thankful. You are reminded here that the summary report found on page 40 of the Minutes of the 189th and 190th sessions of the Presbytery ought to be studied, as ought the annual statistical report of the Presbytery to General Assembly; also to be found in that volume of the minutes of the Presbytery.

Forward With Christ

Many of the Churches of our Presbytery are enrolled in the FORWARD WITH CHRIST Program of our Assembly by official action of the Sessions of those Churches. However, it is likely that many of our Churches have not been so enrolled. We would remind you that this is the official program of General Assembly for the three year period 1955-1957, and that each Church is supposed to study the program, enroll in it and set its own goals within the framework of that program. No meeting of the committee appointed by the Presbytery last September has been held. However, the Council at its February meeting did discuss the program, but makes no recommendation to Presbytery at this time relative to it.

Equalization Fund

The Council in February approved the disbursements of the Equalization Fund in accordance with the needs of the various agencies of the Church sharing in it. Report of that distribution will come to you through the audits of Treasurer's books. The fund for this year is to be distributed early in July, after the receipts for June are all in hand, then again in October and again in January in accordance with the action of Presbytery last fall.

Last July Mr. A. L. Cavenaugh, Moderator of Presbytery, in his moderator's address, called to the attention of Presbytery some matters of importance. This address was referred to the Council for study and report. In February Mr. Cavenaugh was invited to be present for the meeting of the Council in order that he might give us further insight into the meaning of his suggestions. We regret that the action of the Council in inviting Mr. Cavenaugh to address Presbytery and present concrete proposals could not be accepted by him, since he has answered an invitation to be present at the meeting of the General Assembly of the First Born in heaven since that time. However, we present, for your information and consideration, some of the things which were suggested. In general, there were three areas in which it was felt we ought to be doing a better job.

I. The area of Presbytery Organization and Committee Work.
Suggestions under this heading included:

a. Careful consideration by the Nominating Committee of persons nominated to fill vacancies on Presbytery committees. The Nominating Committee should contact persons to be nominated before their nomination to see whether or not they will serve on the committee, reminding such persons that they are only nominating, and the Presbytery may elect persons other than those nominated by the committee.

b. Formal notification by the Stated Clerk of persons elected to vacancies, and a letter from the chairman of the committee to the persons elected giving information relative to the work of the committee and welcoming the person so elected to membership on the committee.

c. At least one annual meeting of the committee for a full discussion of its work and program in the Presbytery, minutes of such meeting to be filed with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

d. A larger representation of lay persons on all Presbytery committees.

II. Church Members.

a. A more thorough training in communicants classes of those coming into our church on profession of faith . . . not only in beliefs, but also in church policy.

b. A period of instruction for those received from other denominations particularly in Presbyterian procedure and doctrine.

c. Ministers giving more time to the training of lay persons for leadership in the church.

III. Planning.

An advisory council which would meet with churches anywhere in the Presbytery to help them in planning their organizations and church program.

Your council brings these suggestions to you without recommendation, but with the feeling that they may stimulate thought, and thus lead to action.

Stewardship

We are happy to report that our per capita giving to benevolences in 1954 were slightly more than for other years. We are 81st among the Presbyteries in 1953 but rose to 71st among the Presbyteries in 1954. Thus we move from the top Presbytery on the bottom 5 to the top on the bottom 15. However, we believe that this is still not a true position for our churches and people. The chairman of the Council attended the area meeting on Stewardship in Charlotte this year, representing the Stewardship Committee and Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That those sessions not yet acting on the FORWARD WITH CHRIST program, make a study of the materials available from the General Council in Atlanta, and if they see fit to enroll in this program, setting goals for the local church in relation to the total goals of the General Assembly.

2. That an EVERY CHURCH CANVASS be approved for this September under the direction of the Stewardship Committee. This canvass to be made by persons chosen by the Stewardship Committee and trained by them.

3. In connection with this, that every church have a joint meeting of the Elders and Deacons between September 11 and September 30 to which shall be invited the representatives of the Stewardship Committee, that they may present:
   a. The total program of the church.
   b. The total benelovent askings of the agencies of the church.
   c. The relationship between the local church and the total program.

4. That the Every Member Canvass be stressed this fall in every church of our Presbytery, and that the officers give consideration to the pre-budget canvass. (In connection with this recommendation a filmstrip, "GO FORTH IN HIS NAME," is being made available to churches wishing to use it in training the canvassers. Make reservations through the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery.)

5. That the Presbytery's Council be authorized to draw up and approve the budget for the presbytery, allocate this budget to the various churches in accordance with the approved formula used last year, and to forward quotas to local churches as soon as possible.

Mr. Perry Robinson, of the Pike Church was introduced to the Presbytery by the Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr., with the recommendation from the Committee on Candidates that he be admitted to examination for the purpose of becoming a candidate for the ministry under the care of the Presbytery. Mr. Goodman reported that all papers required were in hand, and Mr. Robinson was admitted to examination.

Rev. M. C. MacQueen conducted the examination on experimental religion which was sustained. The Moderator proposed the questions to the candidate from the Book of Church Order (Pg. 108) these being answered in the affirmative the charge to the candidate was delivered by Rev. Fitzhugh Clark who also closed the proceedings with prayer. Mr. Robinson was enrolled as a candidate for the ministry.

The following candidates for licensure and ordination were introduced to the Presbytery: Alvis M. Daniel and Reid H. Erwin.

A letter of dismissal for Mr. Daniel from the Presbytery of Orange was read and Mr. Daniel was admitted to Examination. A letter from the Presbytery of West Hanover for Mr. Erwin was read and Mr. Erwin was admitted to examination.

Rev. W. H. Goodman reported that the written parts for the candidates had been examined by the Committee on Candidates and recommended that this part of the examination be sustained. The recommendation was adopted.

The examination in Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was sustained.

The examination in Theology was conducted by Rev. P. H. Gwynn and was sustained.

The examination in Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by the Rev. M. J. McChesney and was sustained.

The examination in English Bible was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Marrow, Jr. and was sustained.

Diplomas from Union Theological Seminary were accepted in lieu of examinations on Church History and the original languages of the Scriptures.

The following standing committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Resolutions of Thanks: F. C. Hutcheson and S. L. Purvis.

Leave of Absence: J. S. Steele and J. E. Hearn.

Place of next meeting: J. S. Walkup and Bryan Bender.

Presbytery recessed for lunch.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with the singing of the hymn, "O Jesus, I Have Promised" and prayer by the Rev. C. W. Worth. The report of the standing committee on resolutions was presented in the presence of the Women of the Church and was approved by a standing vote. The report is as follows:

"We recommend that the Presbytery express its thanks to the members of the Lake Waccamaw Church for their most cordial entertainment of Presbytery; the excellent handling of the parking and registration and their earnest effort to afford every comfort.

Especially would we express our "full" thanks to the women of the Church who so graciously prepared the abundance of food and waited upon our needs. Further, that the Pastor be commended for his kindness and asked to convey to the congregation our thanks for the day.

We further recommend that Presbytery express appreciation to those examined by Presbytery for their inspiring messages to us and for the spiritual food afforded our souls."

F. C. HUTCHESON,
Chairman.

The Examinations of the candidates was continued with sermons by each candidate. Mr. Daniel preached from the text: Luke 10:25-27. The sermon was sustained.

Mr. Erwin preached from the text: Revelation 2:1-7 and this sermon was sustained.

The examinations as a whole were sustained.

Presbytery accepted these examinations for Licensure as adequate for Ordination. These men were ordered enrolled as members of Wilmington Presbytery after ordination and the signing of the Minister's Obligations.

A call from the Bethel Church for the Pastoral services of Mr. Erwin was read, found in order and approved. After being placed in his hands he signified his acceptance of the call and the following commission was appointed to Ordain and Install him:

Ministers: B. E. Dotson, M. G. Stimpson, W. B. Hood, L. A. Taylor and Ruling Elders: R. V. Wells and F. S. Wilson. Time: July 31, 1955 at 8:00 p.m.

A call from the Wildwood Church for the pastoral services of Mr. Daniel was read, found in order and placed in his hands. He signified his acceptance of the call and the following commission was appointed to Ordain and Install him in the Wildwood Church:

Ministers: L. A. Taylor, B. L. Rose, A. G. Harris, Jr., M. C. MacQueen and Ruling Elders: H. L. Joslyn and M. L. McClimon. The time to be 4:00 p.m., July 17, 1955 at the Wildwood Church.

Presbytery was assured by the churches calling Mr. Daniel and Mr. Erwin respectively that vacations of one month would be allowed the men annually.

Presbytery set July 25, 1955 as the date of a called meeting for the purposes of:

1. Examining Mr. Stradford Snively with a view to his reception into the Presbytery as a Candidate for Ordination.
2. To act upon applications for loans being made through the Board of Christian Education by students from the Presbytery who are candidates for full time Church vocations.
3. Hear a report of the Committee on Higher Education and act upon it if the way be clear.

The Nominating Committee made its report which was adopted:

Trustees of Flora Macdonald College: Rev. L. A. Taylor to replace Dallas Herring.

Assembly Special Causes: A. G. Harris, Jr.

Church Extension Committee: Ben L. Rose to replace A. L. Cavenaugh.

Nominating Committee: D. M. Calhoun.

M. C. MacQUEEN

Rev. John S. Steele reported for the Committee on Special Causes. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on Assembly's Special Causes makes the following report:

I. Assembly's Training School. Founded on November 4, 1914.

a. Greater Need—One evidence of the good service which has been rendered is the Church's increasing demand for the product of the school. With Church's growing in size, with new congregations being organized, with more pastors and people seeking a strong program of Christian Education and nurture in the fundamentals of the faith, with expansion continuing in the world mission fields, the need for the products of this Assembly's school seems destined to increase for some time.

b. Increased enrollment—The class which entered the school at the beginning of the 1954-55 school year is the largest since the school began to grant degrees in 1933. Enrollment at end of December, 1954 was 133.

c. Enlarged program offered—During this year definite steps were taken to enlarge and make more effective the school's offerings in the fields of World Missions, Field Work, and Church Music. During the year an experiment has been undertaken in making the library located on the Campus of U. T. S. the joint library of the two institutions, since there might be duplication in two libraries. The present A. T. S. library will be used as a demonstration Church Library, a demonstration Church office and as a reading room.

d. School received last year special gifts amounting to $28,865.

e. The School has been able to meet all its current obligations and ended the year without debt. The balance sheet shows an increase of $56,999.44 in total assets.

II. Historical Foundation.

The year was a memorable one for the Historical Foundation in that it marked the removal of its collection from Assembly Inn to the new building erected for its exclusive use on Assembly Drive in Montreat.

One of the greatest advances has been made in the care of Manuscript records of church courts. These exceedingly valuable materials, which had been closely packed in safes and in a wall vault at Assembly Inn, are now arranged on shelves in a spacious vault which combines safety with accessibility in an unusually convenient manner.

Building is practically completed with the exception of lights for the Lobby and floor covering for the stairway. Elevator not installed. $109,000 has been spent on the structure and new furnishings. Other additions are necessary in the equipment. Total cost of this will be approximately $30,000. $19,400 is now in sight.

Among the Year's acquisitions was a file of the exceedingly rare American Presbyterian, published in Nashville, Tenn., from 1835-1839.

It is recommended that all ministers of the Church be urged to locate and secure for the collections of the Foundation such suitable items as may be found within the bounds of his congregation.

III. Mountain Retreat Association.

The trustees and Directors of Mountain Retreat Association would express themselves in believing the largest opportunity for Montreat to

serve the spiritual life of the Presbyterian Church and build the Kingdom, is through its Conference Program. We consider the fullest development of this opportunity as the first obligation to serve the Church.

Montreat moves forward in a most encouraging fashion. One important development, Mississippi Road extension, has been paved through the generosity of one friend. It is hoped that the resurfacing of Assembly Drive can be completed by the summer. The huge task of giving Montreat adequate electric power and changing over to 7,200 volt service will be completed within the year. This means an expenditure of approximately $100,000.

Needs;

1. Secure funds for capital needs.

2. Basement of approximately half of Collegiate Building be inclosed and arranged for use, pavillion to be constructed adjacent to Collegiate Club Building. This needed for Young People's work.

3. Board of Trustees and Board of Directors are asking the Board of Women's work to devote the gifts of their Birthday Offering of 1956 to build a building for adequate work for the Children and young people's work as desired by the Board of Christian Education.

4. Building to house the boys who work in Montreat during the summer.

Assets have increased more than a half million dollars from 1947 to 1955.

Montreat College and Montreat Preparatory School for Girls is a part of the program of the Montreat Association. Some of the largest and best contractors in the State of N. C. say that it would cost the General Assembly a minimum of $50,000 and probably nearer to $75,000 a year to close up these buildings for nine months.

One Recommendation from the Mountain Retreat Association's report to the Assembly that I want to call your attention to:

That the General Assembly commend Montreat, its conference program, its education program, its Trustees and its Officers, to prayer groups and to churches for their fervent prayers.

IV. American Bible Society.

The American Bible Society is the organization the Presbyterian Church has set apart for the single task of providing the Holy Scriptures for all mankind.

In 1954 our church was represented at the Advisory Council meeting by Dr. Felix B. Gear of Columbia Seminary. 60 new translations either have been completed or were in process in 1954. Total publications in 1955 will approximate 14,000,000 including 500,000 Bible and 750,000 Testaments.

October 30th, 1955 is recommended as the day for the observation of Reformation Day. The suggested theme for sermons and special interest is, "Protestantism and The Christian Home."

V. Stillman College.

The year 1954-55 is another year of definite progress.

Student body has grown over last year 34%. 95 men students, 55 of the student body are Presbyterians, over a third of the boarding students. Twenty-nine have declared the intention of either entering the ministry, mission work, educational work of the church, or the Y. M. C. A. Is now an accredited college.

Have 24 full-time and seven part-time faculty members.

Increased endowment.

In 1948 the endowment was $100,000. On March 2, 1955 was $403,520.10. They expect $117,758.56 more for endowment from the campaign pledges, including the $100,000 challenge fund designated for that purpose. Another addition to the endowment will be a bequest of property valued by the executor of the estate at $50,000 to which the college will be given title in October. The endowment can therefore be expected to be $547,111.99 by the end of 1955. The need of an endowment several times this amount cannot be overstressed.

The severest loss the college has sustained in decades was in the death of Rev. A. R. Batchelor which occurred on January 8th of this year.

Through March 2, 1955 Stillman College has received from the campaign for Stillman College the amount $678,462.69.

VI. Inter-Church agencies of the General Assembly.

a. World Council of Churches.

The World Council of Churches held its second Assembly in Evanston, Ill. last summer. The official participants numbered 1298 and came from 179 churches in 54 countries. The total membership of the Council is 163 churches, two more were added from South Africa last summer.

The theme of the last Assembly was, "Christ, the Hope of the World." A rather remarkable message centering around this theme was issued from the Assembly to the Churches. The message closes with these significant words, 'We are not sufficient for these things, but Christ is sufficient. We do not know what is coming to us, but we do know Who is coming. It is He Who meets us every day and Who will meet us at the end—Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore we say unto you: Rejoice in Hope'."

b. National Council of Churches.

One or more of the principals from our church on the General Board have attended each of its meetings. More than one alternate has attended in the absence of the principals. In response to the request of the General Board, our denomination appointed two laymen on the General Board, thus giving us four representatives, each having one-half vote. One of these laymen has been most active in the deliberations of the General Board.

The National Council of Churches is said to represent 63% of Protestantism.

The Council ended the year 1954 with a balanced budget. Receipts were $8,692,725. Balance at the end of the year, $593,549.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. is the new President of the Council for the next three years. Mr. R. A. Farnsworth of our church is one of the new vice-presidents for the next 3 years.

Dr. J. R. McCain is the new lay representative from our Church. Mr. W. Y. Preyer of Greensboro is his alternate.

Dr. B. R. Lacy and Mr. R. A. Farnsworth are nominated to succeed themselves as our members of the General Board.

Our Assembly was asked to give $125,000 to the Council for the year 1956.

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Respectfully submitted,
JOHN S. STEELE,
Chairman.

A brief report on the Educational Institutions survey was presented to the Presbytery by Rev. S. M. Houck. The report stressed the importance of Ministers and Ruling Elders giving careful study to the report before going to the meeting of the Synod of N. C. in order that actions recommended in the report may be acted upon with intelligence and foresight. The report was received as information.

Rev. C. W. Worth, chairman of the Commission to consult with the Burgaw Church relative to its articles of Incorporation, reported for the Commission.

REPORT OF JUDICIAL COMMISSION TO
WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
June 28, 1955

The Judicial Commission respectfully submits the following Report to Wilmington Presbytery.

Your Commission secured from the Session of the Burgaw Presbyterian Church all documents and papers pertinent to the Incorporation of that Church under the laws of the State of North Carolina. These were carefully studied and compared with the articles of the Book of Church Order dealing with the incorporation of Churches. It was the unanimous opinion of the Commission that certain sections of the Charter and By-Laws of the Burgaw Church Corporation were not in accord with the Standards of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Changes were suggested to the Session, which, in the opinion of the Commission, would bring the Burgaw Charter and By-Laws into satisfactory accord.

Subsequently, the Session of the Burgaw Church completely revised and rewrote their Articles of Incorporation in the form of, "An Amended Charter and By-Laws." These were presented to the Commission, studied by it, and found to be in full accord with the Standards of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., and unanimously approved by the Commission. This Amended Charter has now been adopted by the required majority of a duly called and constituted Congregational meeting of the Burgaw Presbyterian Church, and registered by the Department of State in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Your Commission therefore reports that it is fully satisfied with the present status of the Burgaw Church Corporation.

Your Commission wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to the Pastor and Session of the Burgaw Presbyterian Church for the courteous and cooperative spirit in which they met with and worked with the Commission in all its negotiations. Without this attitude the task of the Commission would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible.

Upon receipt of this Report by the Presbytery the Commission requests that it be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. WORTH,
Chairman.

The expenses of the Commission were ordered paid by the treasurer of Presbytery's Contingent Fund when vouchers are presented to him. The Commission was dismissed with the thanks of the Presbytery.

Commissioners to the 95th General Assembly reported as follows:

Rev. L. A. Taylor on the ad Interim Committee's report on Christianity and Health and on the Board of Annuities and Relief.

Rev. S. N. Thomas on the Activities of Sunday and the Board of Woman's Work.

Mr. J. S. Council, Jr. on the Organization of the Assembly.

Rev. P. H. Gwynn on Board of Church Extension.

Rev. S. M. Houck on the Committee on Christian Relations and Boards of Christian Education and World Missions.

Ruling Elders W. C. Scoggins and J. H. Clark were not present, but sent in reports.

All reports were received as information and the diligence of the Commissioners was commended.

On recommendation from the Committee on Higher Education, Miss Shirley Ann Willis was approved as a candidate for lay service in the Church.

The application of the Cape Fear Church for a loan of $2,000.00 from the Church Extension Committee of the Synod was approved.

The standing committee on Leave of Absence made the following report:

Excused from the full meeting: E. D. Witherspoon, B. F. Hall, W. H. Allison, R. L. McBath. Excused from a part of the afternoon meeting: T. O. Bird, N. G. Stevens, W. F. F. Little, J. W. Ware, J. W. Miller and Ruling Elders Ed Lewis, Ralph Jones, M. C. Bowden, P. H. Myers, Bryan Bender, G. A. Powell and William McDonald.

J. S. STEELE,
Chairman.

The Standing Committee on Place of next meeting recommended that Presbytery meet at the Pollocksville Church. An invitation was extended from the Grove Church to meet there as a part of the 100th anniversary of the building used by this congregation. Presbytery adopted a substitute motion, and voted to meet at the Grove Church in October.

Ruling Elder, A. E. Gibson, was nominated as moderator for the October meeting of the Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Horace H. Hilton.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk.

MINUTES OF JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Burgaw, N. C.
May 31, 1955

The Judicial Commission met at the Burgaw Presbyterian Church at 8:00 P.M., May 31, 1955.

Present: Rev. C. W. Worth, chairman, Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Rev. N. P. Farrior and Ruling Elder Dr. W. C. Mebane. Ruling Elders Leon H. Corbett and T. J. Bradshaw, of the Burgaw Church, met with the Commission by invitation.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman and opened with prayer by Rev. N. P. Farrior.

After study of the documents of incorporation, the motion was made and carried that the proposed ammended Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Burgaw Presbyterian Church of Burgaw, N. C., Inc., copies of which are hereto attached and made a part thereof, be found in accordance with the Standards of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and are hereby approved by the Judicial Commission of the Presbytery of Wilmington by unanimous vote.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The meeting closed with prayer by Dr. W. C. Mebane.

N. P. FARRIOR,
Secretary of the Commission

CALLED MEETING

JULY 25, 1955

The Presbytery of Wilmington met in called session at the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, N. C., Monday, July 25, 1955 at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. L. C. Tucker, last Moderator present, called the meeting to order, and Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. C. S. McChesney.

Present: Ministers—T. B. Ruff, C. C. Myers, J. C. McCann, J. C. Plexico, L. C. Tucker, F. C. Hutcheson, L. A. Taylor, W. H. Goodman, Jr., J. A. Marrow, Jr., N. P. Farrior, B. L. Rose, P. L. Clarke, J. B. MacLeod, J. S. Walkup, E. D. Witherspoon, M. J. McChesney, C. S. McChesney, P. H. Gwynn and Samuel M. Houck.

Churches represented were as follows:

Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Grove, J. L. Williams; Hallsville, Ralph Miller; St. Andrews-Conevant, J. E. Hearn; Bladenboro, J. B. Chandler; Southport, Harold Aldridge; and Burgaw, L. R. Bradshaw.

A quorum was present.

Rev. W. H. Goodman, Sr., a member of Concord Presbytery, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The call for the meeting was read, found in order and adopted as the docket for the meeting. The call is as follows:

THE OFFICE OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
209 North 13th Street
Wilmington, North Carolina

July 12, 1955

The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, the Presbytery of Wilmington is called to meet on Monday, July 25, 1955, at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C. to transact the following business if the way be clear:

1. Receive Candidate Stradford Snively, examine him for ordination, and appoint a Commission to ordain him and to install him as pastor of the Grove and Hallsville Churches;

2. Dismiss Candidate James F. Miller to the Presbytery of Bluestone;

3. Hear a report of Presbytery's Committee on Higher Education and take action on the report.

HUBERT J. KAYLOR,
Moderator

L. A. TAYLOR,
Stated Clerk.

A letter of dismissal for candidate Stradford Snively from Potomac Presbytery was read to the Presbytery and Mr. Snively was admitted to examination upon the recommendation of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by Rev. N. P. Farrior and was sustained.

The examination on Theology was conducted by Dr. P. H. Gwynn and was sustained.

The examination of Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by Rev. F. C. Hutcheson and was sustained.

The examination on English Bible was conducted by Rev. J. A. Marrow, Jr. and was sustained.

The written parts of the examination were approved upon the recommendation of the committee on Candidates.

The diploma from Union Theological Seminary was received and accepted in lieu of the examination on the original languages of Scripture and Church History.

Rev. Stradford Snively preached from the text, John 8:12. The sermon was sustained.

The examination as a whole was sustained and Mr. Snively was enrolled a member of the Presbytery of Wilmington upon Ordination and signing the Minister's obligations.

The service of Licensure was conducted by the Moderator according to the proceedings prescribed in the Book of Church order.

The examination for Licensure was accepted as sufficient for Ordination.

Calls from the Grove and Hallsville Churches were read, found in order and placed in the hands of Mr. Snively. He accepted the calls and the following commission was appointed to Ordain and Install him in the Churches:

Ministers—J. W. Miller, L. C. Tucker, N. P. Farrior, C. C. Myers and Ruling Elders R. V. Wells and A. H. Miller. Date: July 31, 1955 at the Grove Church at 11:15 a.m.

Candidate J. F. Miller was granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Bluestone, Synod of West Virginia.

Rev. W. H. Goodman reported for the committee on Higher Education. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That Presbytery approve the application of Miss Shirley Willis to the Board of Christian Education for a loan in order that she may continue her education.

2. That the following resolution relative to the proposed merger of Flora Macdonald College, Peace College and Presbyterian Junior College for Men, Inc., be adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following Resolution was duly enacted by the Synod of North Carolina in annual meeting assembled on July 13, 1955:

"WHEREAS, it is deemed of urgent importance that Presbyterian institutions of higher learning in North Carolina be maintained at a level of efficiency and excellence; and

"WHEREAS, under a generous grant from the Ford Foundation a Committee of outstanding educators has recently completed a comprehensive survey of the institutions of higher learning maintained and controlled by the Synod in North Carolina; and

"WHEREAS, the Synod's Committee on Higher Education has after long study and consideration approved and concurred in the findings and recommendations of said Survey Committee; and has set forth its detailed findings and recommendations in a 'Report on the Educational Institutions Survey', which Report is incorporated herein by this reference; and

"WHEREAS, it is the conviction of Synod 'that a consolidation of our educational program offers the strongest hope for the future as well as the best stewardship of our educational dollar'; and it is believed that such consolidation can best be achieved by establishing in the eastern section of North Carolina a four-year co-educational college by means of the merger and consolidation of Flora Macdonald College, Peace College and Presbyterian Junior College for Men, Inc.; and

"WHEREAS, the aforesaid report and recommendations have been considered by the Boards of Trustees of Flora Macdonald College, Peace College, and Presbyterian Junior College for Men, Inc.; and

"WHEREAS, the Synod of North Carolina in its 142nd Meeting at Barium Springs, N. C., July 12-14, 1955, approved the Report of its Committee on Educational Institutions, looking to the establishment of a Senior College in the Eastern section of North Carolina by the consolidation of Flora Macdonald College, Peace College, and Presbyterian Junior College for Men, Inc.;

"NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted as follows:

'RESOLVED: That the Trustees of Presbyterian Junior College for Men, Inc., and the Trustees of Peace College, Inc., be and they hereby are authorized, empowered, and instructed to take all steps necessary or advisable to merge or consolidate their respective educational corporations into a single new corporation which shall establish and maintain a four-year co-educational college in the eastern section of North Carolina; and

'RESOLVED: That the Presbyteries of Fayetteville, Orange and Wilmington be and they hereby are strongly urged to concur with and join in this program by approving and directing action by the Board of Trustees of Flora Macdonald College to merge or consolidate into the aforesaid educational corporation; and

'RESOLVED FURTHER: That it is the express intent and desire of Synod that the aforesaid purposes and plan be accomplished with all reasonable dispatch, but with due regard to the orderly and effective assumption of the Educational functions now performed by said existing institutions; and

'RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Synod does hereby express its resolve to render maximum and continued support and assistance to the new consolidated institution to the end that it may afford educational opportunities of the highest calibre;'" and

WHEREAS, after full discussion and consideration Wilmington Presbytery does concur in the aims and purposes of the foregoing Resolution

of Synod, and does desire and intend that Flora Macdonald College shall participate in said consolidation and merger as therein outlined:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED: That the Trustees of Flora Macdonald College be and they hereby are authorized, empowered, and instructed to take all steps necessary or advisable to merge or consolidate said educational corporation with Peace College, Inc., and Presbyterian Junior College for Men, Inc., into a single new corporation which shall establish and maintain a four-year co-educational college in the Eastern section of North Carolina; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Trustees of Flora Macdonald College be and they hereby are authorized, empowered, and instructed to execute such legal documents as may be deemed necessary or expedient to accomplish said merger or consolidation and the full purposes and intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was duly considered, adopted and enacted on the 25th day of July, 1955, at a called meeting of Wilmington Presbytery duly called and held in the City of Wilmington, N. C.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY,
Moderator.

Attest:

Stated Clerk.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. S. Walkup.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk.

CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 1955

The Presbytery of Wilmington met in called session at the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, N. C., Friday, September 9, 1955 at 2:30 p.m. The Moderator, Rev. H. J. Kaylor, presided. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. L. C. Tucker.

The following were enrolled:

Ministers: J. C. Plexico, H. J. Kaylor, Reid H. Erwin, L. C. Tucker, S. T. Snively, Al Daniel, E. D. Witherspoon, T. B. Ruff, C. C. Myers, L. A. Taylor, S. M. Houck, W. H. Allison, B. L. Rose, M. G. Stimpson, C. L. Kirby, J. B. MacLeod and J. W. Ware.

The following churches were represented by Ruling Elders:

Westminster, Wilmington, C. P. Gorman; Chinquapin, William Dail; Chadbourn, Algie Sutton; and Bladenboro, Frank Davis.

A quorum was present.

The following were introduced to Presbytery: Mrs. J. R. Phipps, wife of the Pastor elect of the Chinquapin Church and Mr. Ennis Jackson of the Presbytery of Kings Mountain.

The call for the meeting was read, found in order and adopted as the docket for the meeting. The call is as follows:

1. Dissolve the pastoral relations between Rev. Leslie C. Tucker and the church of Chadbourn, and grant to Mr. Tucker a Certificate of Dismission to the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

2. Receive Rev. James R. Phipps from the Presbytery of Concord and appoint a Commission to Install him as pastor of the Church of Chinquapin.

3. Approve applications for loans.

The Pastoral relation between Rev. Leslie Tucker and the Chadbourn Church was dissolved at the request of the Pastor with the concurrence of the Congregation. Words of appreciation for the services of Mr. Tucker to the Presbytery were spoken by members of the Presbytery, and Mr. Tucker was granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

A letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of Concord for the Rev. J. R. Phipps was read and Mr. Phipps was admitted to examination.

In view of the fact that Mr. Phipps had been a member of the Presbytery of Wilmington for nine years before going to Concord Presbytery, upon motion of the examining committee, the statement of the Rev. J. R. Phipps, that his views in Theology and of Church government and the Sacraments had not materially changed since his reception into the Presbytery on the previous

occasion, was accepted as sufficient for these parts of the examination. The examination on Experimental religion as conducted by Rev. E. D. Witherspoon was sustained.

The examination as a whole was sustained and Mr. Phipps was enrolled a member of the presbytery after signing the Minister's obligations.

Rev. M. G. Stimpson presented the action of the Commission on the Minister and his Work in approving the call to Mr. Phipps from the Chinquapin Church. The call was read to Presbytery, found in order and placed in the hands of Mr. Phipps who signified his acceptance of it.

The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Phipps: Ministers: L. A. Taylor, B. L. Rose, M. G. Stimpson, S. M. Houck and Ruling Elders Luther Powell and Arthur Wood. The time October 2, 1955 at 7:30 p.m.

The request of the Trinity Church of Havelock, N. C. for permission to borrow $40,000.00 from the Church Extension Committee of the Synod for the purpose of erecting a Fellowship Hall and six classrooms was granted upon recommendation of the Presbytery's Committee on Church Extension.

The request of the Home Missions Committee for permission to borrow $7,500.00 from Synod's Loan Fund for the purpose of erecting a manse for the Bethel church was granted. The Trustees of Presbytery: Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark, J. K. Bannerman were authorized to execute the necessary papers for the loan.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Jack W. Ware.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk.

CALLED MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 1955

The Presbytery of Wilmington met in called session on Wednesday, November 9, 1955, in the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C., at 2:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Ruling Elder A. E. Gibson, and was led in prayer by Rev. Wade H. Allison.

The following were enrolled:

Ministers: H. J. Kaylor, J. C. McCann, W. H. Allison, J. W. Ware, M. C. MacQueen, B. F. Hall, R. L. McBath, S. N. Thomas, F. C. Hutcheson, C. C. Myers, C. S. McChesney, L. A. Taylor, B. E. Dotson, J. B. MacLeod, S. M. Houck, E. D. Witherspoon, M. J. McChesney, M. G. Stimpson, C. L. Kirby. Ruling Elders: Harold Aldridge, Joseph A. Nelson.

The Call for the meeting was read, found in order, and adopted as the docket of the meeting. It is as follows:

1. Receive Rev. J. W. McGinnis from the Presbytery of Granville, and appoint a Commission to install him as pastor of Trinity church, Havelock, N. C.

2. Reconsider the report made by the committee on nominations and adopted by Presbytery in session in Kenansville, N. C. on October 18, 1955.

A letter of transfer for Rev. J. W. McGinnis from the Presbytery of Granville to the Presbytery of Wilmington was read, and Mr. McGinnis was admitted to examination. The examination in experimental religion was made by Rev. M. C. MacQueen and was sustained as satisfactory. The examination in Theology was conducted by Rev. B. F. Hall and was sustained as satisfactory. The examination in Church Government and Sacraments was conducted by Rev. M. J. McChesney and was sustained as satisfactory. The examination as a whole was sustained and Rev. J. W. McGinnis was enrolled a member of Presbytery after signing the Minister's Obligations.

A Call for the pastoral services of Mr. McGinnis, approved by the Commission on the Minister and His Work, was read, found in order, and placed in his hands. Mr. McGinnis indicated his desire to accept the call and the following Commission was appointed to Install him as pastor of the Trinity church on Sunday, December 4, 1955, at 7:30 P.M. L. A. Taylor to Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions, E. D. Witherspoon to Preach the Sermon, Albert G. Harris to Deliver a Charge to the Pastor, H. L. Joslyn to Deliver a Charge to the Congregation, Alvis M. Daniel alternate for the ministers, James Murdock alternate for the Elder.

On motion duly made and seconded the Presbytery voted to bring the report of the Committee on Nominations, which was

adopted by Presbytery at the October meeting, to the floor for reconsideration, and to hear an amended report from the Committee.

The committee offered the following amended report, which was adopted as the annual report of the Committee on Nominations:

Presbytery's Council

Ruling Elders A. E. Gibson and S. L. Coble to succeed Ruling Elders Frank S. Wilson and H. E. Latham; Deacons Chevis Kerr, Jr. and Leslie N. Boney to succeed Deacons H. M. Dickens and Hugh Oosterwyk.

Church Extension

Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr., Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Ruling Elder Gardner Edwards and Deacon Leslie N. Boney, Jr. to succeed Dr. B. Frank Hall, Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Rev. Fletcher C. Hutcheson and Mr. Hugh Johnson. This is the Class of 1958. Rev. Charles W. Worth to succeed Rev. Leslie C. Tucker in the Class of 1956, Rev. Ben L. Rose to succeed A. L. Cavenaugh in the Class of 1957.

Christian Education

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. Albert G. Harris, Jr., Rev. J. S. Russell and Mrs. John N. Walker to succeed Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Rev. John Steele, Rev. Robert L. McBath and Mrs. D. D. Clark. This is Class of 1958.

World Missions

Rev. Reid H. Erwin and C. A. Williams to succeed Rev. H. J. Kaylor and W. A. Patterson. This is Class 1958.

Annuities and Relief

Rev. Norman H. Flowers and W. M. Dickson to succeed Rev. W. F. F. Little and H. M. Leamon. This is Class 1958. Rev. James R. Phipps to replace Rev. Leslie Tucker, Class of 1956. Mr. Phipps to serve as Chairman of the Committee.

Homes

Rev. Alvis M. Daniel to succeed Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Class of 1958, Mrs. P. R. Smith to succeed herself.

Marriage and Divorce

For the Class of 1958, Rev. W. B. Hood to succeed Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. H. H. Hilton to succeed Dr. B. Frank Hall, Rev. J. W. Miller to succeed Rev. Robert L. McBath.

Records

Rev. Stradford T. Snively to succeed W. M. Dickson, Class of 1958.

Assembly Causes

Rev. James A. Marrow to succeed Rev. H. J. Kaylor, Class of 1958. Rev. Albert G. Harris to fill vacancy in Class of 1956.

Women of the Church

Rev. H. J. Kaylor to succeed Rev. J. S. Russell, Class of 1958.

Examinations

Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Chairman, to succeed Dr. B. Frank Hall. Class of 1958: Dr. Ben L. Rose to succeed Dr. B. Frank Hall, Rev. P. L. Clark to succeed Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Rev. F. C. Hutcheson to succeed Rev. M.

J. McChesney, Rev. J. C. McCann to succeed Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. J. S. Walkup to succeed Rev. W. F. F. Little.

Commission on The Minister and His Work

Class of 1958, Rev. Samuel N. Thomas and Rev. Charles L. Kirby to succeed Rev. Millard G. Stimpson and Rev. N. P. Farrior.

Nominations

Class 1956: Dr. Ben L. Rose, Chairman, Dr. B. Frank Hall, Rev. J. B. MacLeod, Mr. C. S. Clark, Mr. George Mitchell.

Trustees of Flora Macdonald College

Rev. Jack W. Ware, Mr. E. L. Derrick, Mr. D. M. Calhoun, Dr. L. A. Taylor to succeed J. Rufus Marks, E. L. Derrick, D. M. Calhoun, Dallas Herring, Class of 1958.

That the Committee on Higher Education be divided into classes and composed as follows: 1956—Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, Mrs. Franklin Jones, Rufus Marks; Class 1957—Rev. J. B. MacLeod, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Mr. H. L. Joslyn; Class 1958—Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Rev. Wade H. Allison, Mr. C. S. Clark, Rev. Wade H. Allison serving as Chairman of the Committee.

M. C. MacQUEEN,
Chairman.

The Minutes were read and approved and the meeting was closed with prayer.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk.

192ND STATED SESSION
PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON

The 192nd Stated Session of the Presbytery of Wilmington, Synod of N. C., convened in the Grove Presbyterian Church, Kenansville, N. C., on Tuesday, October 18, 1955 at 10:00 A.M.

The worship service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Kaylor, Moderator of the Presbytery. Mr. Kaylor chose as the text for his sermon, John 8:32.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. Stradford Snively.

The following were enrolled:

Ministers—P. L. Clark, C. C. Myers, J. W. Miller, J. S. Crowley, M. C. MacQueen, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, E. D. Witherspoon, L. A. Taylor, W. B. Hood, W. H. Goodman, M. G. Stimpson, N. G. Stevens, R. L. McBath, W. F. F. Little, J. W. Ware, S. M. Houck, T. B. Ruff, S. N. Thomas, F. C. Hutcheson, J. C. McCann, H. J. Kaylor, N. H. Flowers, C. L. Kirby, J. F. Clark, C. W. Worth, J. S. Steele, J. S. Walkup, H. H. Hilton, J. C. Plexico, J. A. Marrow, J. B. MeLeod, B. L. Rose, A. G. Harris, Jr., Stradford Snively, Reid Erwin, Alvis Daniel, J. R. Phipps and C. S. McChesney.

The following Churches were enrolled by representatives:

Woodburn, W. E. Wessell; Pineland, Troy King; Chinquapin, J. F. Futreal; Bethany, S. L. Coble; McClure Memorial, Rex. M. Kern; Hallsville, A. H. Miller; Stanford, Ned Roberts; Warsaw, E. L. Sheffield; Pearsall Memorial, Paul R. Jordan; Morehead City, First, A. F. Chestnut; Hopewell, Ernest Jones; Wilmington, First, A. E. Gibson; Grove, J. B. Stroud; Beulaville, Gardner Edwards; Elizabethtown, D. M. Calhoun; Whiteville, First, W. P. High; Southport, James M. Wolfe; Brunswick, R. A. Powell; Clarkton, Dr. D. D. Clark; Topsail, J. G. Thomas; Jacksonville, F. S. Wilson; Beth Carr, P. H. Myers; Willard, H. McN. Johnson; Mt. Olive, D. A. Gillis; Graves Memorial, R. S. Graves; Potts Memorial, L. S. Cannady; Winter Park, G. G. Murray; Wildwood, J. G. Murdock; St. Andrews-Covenant Church, D. L. Craig; Mt. Zion, Frank Blanchard; Teachey, B. F. Brinkley; Mt. Williams, R. A. Thigpen; Burgaw, Cleveland Bowden; Black River, L. G. Beatty; Rockfish, J. A. Carr; Bethel, Cicero Lanier; Elkton, W. J. Elkins; Carolina Beach, D. N. Page; Oak Plains, B. V. Byrd; Little Chapel on the Boardwalk; McCray Root; Mt. Horeb, H. A. Munroe; Calypso, A. J. Dail; Pollocksville, J. M. Bender; Westminster (Whiteville), W. M. Boice; Pike, J. H. Worrell; Wallace, E. W. Farrior. (45).

A quorum was present.

The following Churches were not represented:

Acme, Antioch, Ashwood, Baker, Bladenboro, Bowden Community, Cape Fear, Caswell, Chadbourn, Croatan, Currie, Delgado, Faison, Harmony, Harper-Southerland, Hebron, Holly Grove, Immanuel, Lake Waccamaw, Maple Hill, Myrtle Grove, New Hope, Oakdale, Oak Grove, Page's Mill, Pink Hill, Pleasant View, Rocky Point, Smiths, South River, Stafford Memorial, Tabor City, Trinity, Westminster (Wilmington) and White Plains. (36).

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren:

Rev. D. A. Swicord of the Presbytery of Florida and Rev. S. K. Emurian of the Presbytery of Norfolk. Also visiting for the day were ruling elders John M. Pierce of Warsaw, Wyatt Hunter of Bethel, John B. Boney of Wallace, W. M. Dickson of the 1st Church, Wilmington, Roland Thomas, Hallsville Church, Dewey Lanier, Durward Lanier of Bethel, and N. B. Murray of Hopewell.

Ruling Elders representing Churches at Presbytery for the first time were introduced to the Presbytery and welcomed by the Moderator.

Ruling Elder A. E. Gibson was elected Moderator of the Presbytery.

The following Communications were read:

From Dr. E. C. Scott, relative to a proposed change in the Book of Church Order, paragraph 80, referred to the committee on records.

From Dr. E. C. Scott relative to a book setting forth the duties of the Clerk of Session, received as information and a sheet giving information about the proposed book was given to each person present.

From Rev. T. O. Bird requesting that he be excused from attendance; referred to the committee on Leave of Absence.

A docket was presented by the Stated Clerk and was adopted as amended.

An Ad Interim Committee to revise the Manual of Presbytery was authorized and the Moderator appointed on this committee the following: B. L. Rose, Chairman, S. M. Houck, M. C. MacQueen, W. C. Mebane, Algie Sutton, with the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery ex-officio.

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon presented the report of the Committee on Church Extension which was adopted as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CHURCH EXTENSION
Report to Wilmington Presbytery
October 18, 1955

In presenting the report of the Executive Committee of Church Extension, it is with gratitude to God that we call to your attention the way in which He has blessed this Committee's work, and the very excellent work which has been done by the various sub-committees.

Home Missions

The work of the Committee of Home Missions is presented in four parts. First, we would call attention to the strengthening of the work by division of fields and additional leadership. The First Church of Morehead City has been granted permission to call a pastor for his full time, and the pastor is on the field. Wildwood, formerly grouped with the Morehead Church, also desired a full time minister and he is on the field. Both the Chinquapin and Bethel Churches made similar requests, and each have their own pastor. It is with thanksgiving that we mention this prog-

ress in the work of the Kingdom, as well as the fact that each church in the Presbytery except Willard, Teachey and Chadbourn has a pastor.

Second, we note the bettering of equipment. The Morehead City Church has broken ground for the first unit of a new and adequate church plant. The Acme Church and educational buildings have been completed. The Trinity Manse has been finished, and ground has been broken for a Fellowship Hall and Educational Building. The Harmony Church has under construction new Sunday School rooms which will meet its growing needs. The Caswell Church has completed an excellent Fellowship Hall and Educational Building. The Myrtle Grove Church has begun the construction of additional classrooms to meet its needs. The Woodburn Church has been remodeled and an adequate educational building has been added. Repairs and improvements have been made to several of Presbytery's Manses following hurricane damage.

Third, to meet the cost of repairs and new buildings, your Committee has, upon occasion, made loans to some of our churches. Over $6,000 was repaid on these loans last year.

Fourth, the future promises many good things, as your Committee faces the possible establishment of the Larger Parish plan in one area of our Presbytery, the relocation of one of our churches, the regrouping of others, and the making it possible for others of our churches to have full time pastors.

Evangelism

Cooperative efforts in the field of Evangelism has been seen in various areas of the Presbytery. The exchange of pulpits with ministers from Virginia was effected in about seventy-five per cent of our churches with good results.

A program of Visitation Evangelism led by the Rev. Albert Dimmock was recently held in the Wilmington area, resulting in 179 additions to the churches. Plans are in the making to carry out similar programs of Visitation Evangelism in other sections of the Presbytery.

Your attention is called to the score cards, prepared by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Evangelism. These cards are available to those who have not obtained them.

During the last church year 402 persons were received on Profession of Faith and 588 by letter or Re-Affirmation of Faith.

Negro Work

Your Committee on Negro Work merely calls attention to the tremendous challenge in this area, and our unfinished work in the Negro Work Campaign. Those churches which have not completed the payment of their pledges are earnestly requested to give this matter their prayerful consideration.

Rev. J. C. McCann presented the report of the Committee on Homes which was adopted as follows:

The following is the report of Presbytery's Committee on Homes:

I. Presbyterian Orphan's Home.

Presbyterian Orphan's Home, now in its seventh decade, gives evidence of the blessing of God upon this part of the church's work. The Board of Regents calls upon all of us to join them in giving thanks to Almighty God for His blessing upon the Home that has been a home for thousands of children during sixty-five years.

The past year can be called a good one. The boys and girls of the Home have given a good account of themselves, both in their work and in their play. The supervisors of every area of the Home's life all give a good report on the activities of the students. The principal of the school reports a fine spirit and the coaches say that, from the standpoint of sportsmanship, it is the best in their experience with the teams. The members of the staff manifest a spirit of unity and understanding. The period of reorganization has resulted in a good working plan for the institution which gives the Board of Regents reason to feel confident in the program of the Home. The people of the Synod of North Carolina have manifested their confidence through their gifts to the Home. The books have been closed in the black and the Home does not owe a dollar that it cannot pay.

The Board of Regents would call attention to the perennial false rumor that it has more money than it needs. One needs only to visit the entire campus, observe the buildings in their much-needed state of repair, observe the lack of furniture and equipment in the rooms of the children to discover that Barium is not wealthy and that it does still have great needs yet to be met. The Board of Regents is making every effort to meet the needs of the boys and girls in the cottages and to provide adequately for them in food, in health facilities, and in clothes and in training so that the Presbyterians of North Carolina can be proud of what is done. Child-caring is expensive. Comparison of the work of Barium Springs shows that the cost per child is just a little above average of the eleven institutions within the state.

It is called to your attention that new buildings are being erected and old ones are being repaired. The new buildings have been erected out of money designated specifically for these purposes and not a penny has come from the operating budget. It is a cause of thanksgiving to know that people through their interest in the Home and through their wills are making provisions for these needs.

There is much yet to be done in order that the boys and girls may have a reasonable and adequate home-life within the buildings in which they live. To this end the Board of Regents dedicates itself.

The new church at Barium Springs is the realization of a dream in progress for fifteen years. The money that has gone into its erection has come from memorial gifts. There is yet an indebtedness which will necessitate the continuing of the memorials.

It is called to our attention that a film has been prepared to tell the story of the Home. This 16 mm film entitled, "When The Bow Breaks," is now available for use in any church within the Synod of North Carolina. You are urged to give your people an opportunity to visit Barium through the medium of this film.

II. Presbyterian Home, Inc.

The Board of Trustees respectfully reports the following major activities of the Presbyterian Home during the past year:

During 1954 there were an average of 41 members in the Home with only 3 deaths and 1 withdrawal. Our capacity was reached in November with 60 persons enjoying the comforts of the Home.

The second unit of the Home was completed in July, 1954 and also certain necessary alterations in the first unit. New members of the Home started coming in on May 1 and came at the rate of 3 or 4 a week until capacity was reached.

The new building was erected at a total cost of $324,587.89. The total cost of furnishings for the second unit was $32,783.96. Practically all of

the furnishings were provided as memorial gifts in memory of or in honor of some loved one. The total cost of $357,371.85 was accomplished with a remaining debt of only $95,000. As of July 1, 1955, this has been reduced to $88,500.

On September 26, the Board of Trustees held a luncheon meeting for guests and then entertained approximately 1,000 visitors at an Open House of the newly completed building. Dr. James A. Jones, pastor of Myers Park Church, was the principal speaker on the program at four o'clock.

The Board of Trustees met for four regular quarterly board meetings and one special session during the year 1954. The Executive Committee of the Board met five times for the transaction of business.

The Board of Trustees has appointed a special committee to study long range planning. This committee has been actively at work studying sketches for an apartment project, the executive director's residence, and future buildings to be placed on the property of the Presbyterian Home. As the need arises and as quickly as money is made available, plans will be made to construct additional facilities.

III. William Black Home

This season the William Black Home opened for guest on June 15. This season the Home is under the efficient management of Miss Sarah Lytch, Miss Rea Lindler, and Miss Hassie Johnson. Representatives of the Women-of-the-Synod of North Carolina occupied the entire entertaining capacity of the Home during the Women's Training School, June 29-July 6.

The Women of the Synod, who have contributed so much toward the comfort and efficiency of the William Black Home, have recently given a $475.00 "Mixer," Mrs. Sarah Belk Gambrell has contributed one dozen beautiful blankets, and Mrs. Grace Pomeroy White has added $500.00 to the "J. Harvey White Memorial," the income of which is for the free entertainment of Home Mission workers and needy retired Ministers.

William Black Home is giving Home Mission workers and all Presbyterians of the Synod of North Carolina accommodations equal to any at Montreat at a saving of several dollars per week for room and board, and offers free entertainment to nine Home Mission workers, each Season, for an entire week. Minor, yet needed improvements have been made during the last year, such as installation of fan in the kitchen, insulation of the walls of the Home, the planting of $400.00 worth of beautiful shrubbery about the Home, etc. All obligations have been met in full and the Home is debt-free.

Respectfully submitted,
JERRY C. McCANN

Rev. W. H. Allison reported for the Committee on Higher Education. The report was received as information and the following recommendations adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1. That Wilmington Presbytery and the local congregations cooperate fully in the plans of the General Assembly and the Synod of North Carolina to emphasize the entire program of Christian Higher Education in 1956.

2. That the following days and seasons be observed:

That December 25, 1955 be observed as Christian Student Sunday.

That February 19, 1956, be observed as the Day of Prayer for Students around the world.

That April, 1956 be observed as the month for emphasis on Christian Higher Education.

That Wilmington Presbytery highlight its spring meeting with an outstanding speaker on Christian Higher Education.

That April 15, 1956 be observed as National Christian College Sunday.

3. That individual ministers be urged to present to their people our Presbyterian schools of higher education; to point out to youth the advantages of our schools; and to encourage local congregations to help deserving young people who need financial assistance through locally administered scholarship funds, and to acquaint them with available scholarships at our Presbyterian Colleges, so that a larger number of Presbyterian students can attend Presbyterian colleges.

4. That Wilmington Presbytery enthusiastically reaffirm the action of Synod in merging Flora Macdonald College, Presbyterian Jr. College and Peace College and pledge our whole hearted support to the establishment of a Presbyterian Co-Educational four year Liberal Arts College in Eastern North Carolina.

5. That the local congregations be informed of the importance of our Campus Christian Life program for our students in non-Presbyterian schools, and that they be urged to recognize their responsibility for the oversight and financial support of this work.

6. That local churches make a special effort to use our student workers and student deputation teams in various programs throughout the coming year, with special emphasis on summer caravans.

W. H. ALLISON,
Chairman.

Rev. Samuel M. Houck presented a report for the Council of Presbytery. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF PRESBYTERY TO THE 192ND STATED SESSION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON

In accordance with the instructions of Presbytery at the meeting in June at Lake Waccamaw, your council has met, adopted a budget, approved the formula for the distribution of the budget to the local churches, and sent the apportionments to these churches. We submit herewith for admission to the record of Presbytery these actions.

The Presbytery of Wilmington, in session at Lake Waccamaw, June 28, 1955, instructed Presbytery's Council to prepare a budget for the support of the benevolence causes of the church for the year 1956, and to allocate the total budget among the churches of the Presbytery.

In obedience to the instructions, the Council of the Presbytery met on July 25, 1955, and adopted a budget as follows: For Assembly's Causes $91,736.44, For Synod's Causes $53,426.64, For Presbytery's Causes $61,916.92, a total of $207,080.00.

These figures represent the askings of the General Council, Synod's Council and Presbytery's Council. They are based upon the *actual minimum needs of the causes* for their support.

The amounts allocated to the causes are as follows:

World Missions	22.3%	$46,178.84
Church Extension	9.5%	19,672.60
Christian Education	3.6%	7,454.88
Annuities and Relief	3.0%	6,212.40
General Fund	5.8%	12,010.64
Inter-Church Agencies	.1%	207.08
	44.3%	$91,736.44
Church Extension	2.7%	$ 5,591.16
Higher Education	12.2%	25,263.76
Campus Christian Life	1.0%	2,070.80
Orphan's Home	7.0%	14,495.60
Presbyterian Home	1.0%	2,070.80
Religious Education	1.8%	3,727.44
Inter-Church Agencies	.1%	207.80
	25.8%	$53,426.64
Home Missions	22.7%	$47,007.16
Presbytery's Office	6.8%	14,081.44
Religious Education	.4%	828.32
	29.9%	$61,916.92

THE BENEVOLENCE ASKINGS FROM THE CHURCHES OF THE PRESBYTERY FOR BENEVOLENCES IN THE YEAR 1956

These askings were arrived at on the basis of one-third for the membership of the church, one-third for the average contributions per year to benevolences for the past three years and one-third for the average total gifts less Building Fund per year for the past three years.

Church	*Total*	*Church*	*Total*
Acme	$ 1,330.62	Elkton	$ 433.11
Antioch	532.31	Faison	2,406.12
Ashwood	365.58	Graves Memorial	8,647.41
Baker	811.80	Grove	1,636.94
Bethany	2,394.39	Hallsville	1,335.67
Beth Carr	929.97	Harmony	974.66
Bethel	1,040.99	Harper-Southerland	377.17
Beulaville	1,526.35	Hebron	107.52
Black River	1,092.54	Holly Grove	1,399.25
Bladenboro	424.97	Hopewell	1,300.61
Bowden Community	448.85	Immanuel	5,556.71
Brunswick	707.04	Jacksonville	5,866.95
Burgaw	2,897.98	Lake Waccamaw	1,467.15
Calypso	1,739.85	Maple Hill	257.62
Cape Fear	1,809.89	McClure Memorial	1,684.97
Carolina Beach	2,388.93	Mt. Horeb	682.52
Caswell	1,595.54	Mt. Olive	5,339.59
Chadbourn	3,615.29	Mt. Williams	278.58
Chapel on the Boardwalk	1,531.60	Mt. Zion	4,052.25
Chinquapin	1,301.78	Myrtle Grove	1,869.71
Clarkton	5,675.08	New Hope	873.68
Croatan	389.58	Oakdale	361.62
Currie	430.17	Oak Grove	1,056.38
Delgado	1,808.63	Oak Plains	812.17
Elizabethtown	5,685.17	Page's Mill	198.55
		Pearsall Memorial	5,552.53

Church	*Total*	*Church*	*Total*
Pike	$ 775.47	Topsail	$ 1,316.42
Pineland	430.59	Trinity	2,282.63
Pink Hill	1,015.39	Wallace	6,964.07
Pleasant View	681.73	Warsaw	3,164.50
Pollocksville	1,635.73	Morehead City, First	3,865.71
Potts Memorial	1,650.26	Whiteville, First	5,480.82
Rockfish	2,551.36	Westminster, Whiteville	5,286.89
Rocky Point	968.10	Westminster, Wilmington	2,147.11
St. Andrews-Covenant	29,925.83	White Plains	599.86
Smith	762.99	Wildwood	1,321.84
Southport	935.64	Wilmington, First	24,276.15
South River	241.37	Willard	760.93
Stanford	1,046.07	Winter Park	5,162.49
Stafford Memorial	824.41	Woodburn	1,790.06
Tabor City	748.98		
Teachey	1,465.11	TOTAL	$207,082.85

In September the Stewardship committee of the Presbytery sponsored four area Stewardship Training Sessions to which were invited the ministers in the areas, and laymen who might be trained to visit the churches in an every Church Canvass. The total attendance at these four training sessions was 77. Of the total in attendance 43 agreed to visit local churches and present the benevolence program of the Presbyterian Church to joint meetings of the Elders and Deacons in local churches. In response to an invitation to participate in this Every Church Canvass 55 churches were visited by teams of two men and heard the presentation. We believe from reports that have been received that this program will have far reaching effects in our churches and in our Presbytery.

We commend to the Sessions of the churches two reports which were adopted by the Synod meeting in Barium Springs in July.

One is the report of Synod's Council with its recommendations, and the other the report of an Ad Interim committee of Synod making a study of Supplemental Offerings. Each of these reports contain information and recommendations that should be matters of vital concern.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Chairman.

In connection with the report of the Council, Presbytery authorized that the expenses of the Stewardship Training Sessions be paid from the Contingent Fund of Presbytery.

A motion that the Presbytery invite the Synod to locate the new Senior college, to be organized in Eastern N. C., within the bounds of Wilmington Presbytery was adopted, and the following committee was appointed to draw up such a resolution: Dr. L. A. Taylor, C. W. Worth and Elder Gardner Edwards.

Minutes of the Commission to ordain and install the Rev. Reid Erwin were read and admitted to Record.

The Commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to ordain Reid H. Erwin and install him as pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian church,

met at the Bethel church on Sunday, July 31, 1955, at 7:45 p.m. with the following members present: Ministers—Millard G. Stimpson, William B. Hood, B. E. Dotson, L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elders—R. V. Wells, Frank S. Wilson. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman. Mr. J. E. Erwin, Father of Candidate Reid Erwin, and a Ruling Elder in the Tazewell Presbyterian Church of Tazewell, Va., was invited by the Commission to sit in the meeting and to participate in the ceremony of the laying on of hands.

The Commission adjourned to the sanctuary of the church where a sermon was preached by Rev. L. A. Taylor. Rev. Millard G. Stimpson presided and propounded the constitutional questions to the candidate who answered in the affirmative. By the laying on of hands, and prayer, led by Rev. William B. Hood, Candidate Reid H. Erwin was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and given the right hand of fellowship. He was then installed as pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian church, the constitutional questions having been answered in the affirmative by the Pastor and by members of the congregation. A charge was delivered to the new pastor by Rev. B. E. Dotson, and a charge was delivered to the congregation by Mr. R. V. Wells. Rev. Reid H. Erwin pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened after the service, approved the minutes and was dismissed by prayer.

MILLARD G. STIMPSON,
Chairman.

Minutes of the Commission to ordain and install Rev. A. M. Daniel were read and admitted to record.

The Commission of the Wilmington Presbytery appointed to ordain candidate Alvis M. Daniel and to install him as pastor of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church met in the Wildwood Presbyterian Church at 4:00 p.m., July 17, 1955, with the following present: Rev. L. A. Taylor, chairman; Rev. A. G. Harris, Rev. Ben L. Rose, Mr. M. L. McClimon, and Mr. H. L. Joslyn. The meeting was opened with prayer, and Rev. Ben L. Rose was elected clerk. The commission adjourned to the sanctuary of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church where a sermon was preached by Rev. Ben L. Rose. Rev. L. A. Taylor propounded the constitutional questions to candidate Daniel who answered in the affirmative. By the laying on of hands and prayer, candidate Alvis M. Daniel was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and given the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Alvis M. Daniel was then installed as pastor of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church, the constitutional questions having been answered by the pastor and the congregation in the affirmative. A charge was delivered to the new pastor by Rev. A. G. Harris, and a charge was delivered to the congregation by Mr. H. L. Joslyn. Rev. Alvis M. Daniel pronounced the benediction. The Commission reconvened after the service, approved the minutes, and was dismissed with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR,
Chairman.
BEN L. ROSE,
Clerk.

Minutes of the Commission to ordain and install Rev. Stradford Snively were read and admitted to record.

Kenansville, North Carolina
July 31, 1955

The Commission, composed of Rev. James W. Miller of the Clarkton Church, Rev. N. P. Farrior of the Pink Hill group of Churches, Rev. L.

C. Tueker of the Chadbourn Chureh, and Elders Andrew Miller of the Hallsville Chureh and R. V. Wells of the Grove Chureh, heretofore appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to ordain and install Rev. Stradford T. Snively as Pastor of Hallsville and Grove Presbyterian Churches, met in one of the Sunday Sehool rooms in the Grove Chureh on Sunday, July 31, 1955, at 10:45 a.m. The meeting eonstituted with prayer. The Rev. James W. Miller was made Moderator and Elder R. V. Wells, Clerk, and parts assigned to the other members of the Commission after whieh the Commission retired to the Auditorium, this being a joint meeting of the eongregation of Hallsville and Grove Churches. The serviee was conduet-ed as follows: The purpose of the meeting was explained by the Moderator. Rev. L. C. Tucker read the Seripture taken from the 16th Chapter of Matthew. Rev. N. P. Farrior led in prayer and the Sermon was preaehed by Rev. James W. Miller, his subjeet being "The Permaneney of the Gospel," after which the ordination serviee was eonduеted by Rev. James W. Miller, the Moderator, by propounding the eonstitutional questions to Mr. Snively, the eandidate. After this the eonstitutional questions were propounded to the two eongregations. The people having answered in the affirmative, the ordination serviee eontinued by the "laying on of hands" by the members of the Commission and prayer by Rev. L. C. Tucker.

The Moderator declared the Rev. Stradford T. Snively duly ordained to the gospel ministry of the Presbyterian Chureh, U. S., and duly installed as Pastor of the Hallsville and Grove Churehes.

Rev. N. P. Farrior eharged the eongregations and Rev. L. C. Tueker charged the Pastor, after which the eongregation joined in the Hymn, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

The Benedietion was by Rev. Stradford T. Snively.

Immediately after the service, the Commission reassembled in one of the Sunday School rooms and the minutes being in order, was dismissed with prayer.

JAMES W. MILLER,
Moderator.
R. V. WELLS, *Clerk.*

Minutes of the Commission to Install Rev. J. R. Phipps, Pastor of the Chinquapin Church were read and admitted to record.

The Commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to Install Rev. James R. Phipps as Pastor of the Chinquapin Presbyterian Chureh met at the Chinquapin ehureh on Sunday, Oetober 2, 1955, at 7:15 p.m. Members present: Ministers—Ben L. Rose, Millard G. Stimpson, L. A. Taylor, Ruling Elders Arthur R. Wood, J. Luther Powell. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. L. A. Taylor. Ruling Elder Arthur R. Wood was eleeted elerk.

The Commission adjourned to the sanetuary of the Chinquapin Church where a sermon was preaehed by Rev. Ben L. Rose. The eonstitutional questions were propounded by Rev. L. A. Taylor and answered in the affirmative by pastor and eongregation. Rev. James R. Phipps was then deelared duly installed as pastor of the Chinquapin ehurch. A eharge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, and a charge to the eongregation was delivered by Ruling Elder J. Luther Powell. Rev. James R. Phipps pronounced the benedietion.

The Commission reconvened after the serviees, approved the minutes and was dismissed with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR,
Chairman.
ARTHUR R. WOOD, *Clerk.*

The Minutes of the Commission on the Minister and His Work were read and admitted to record as follows:

The Commission of the Minister and His Work met in the Chadbourn Presbyterian Church with the nominating committee of that church on September 11, 1955 at 3:30 p.m.

Due to the pulpit having been declared vacant due to the resignation and dismission of the Rev. Leslie Tucker, a list of prospective ministers (presented by the committee and by members of the Commission) were discussed and approved.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

The Commission of the Minister and His Work met in the Willard Presbyterian Church on September 18, 1955 at 3:30 p.m. with the elders of the Willard and Teachey Presbyterian Churches.

As the Willard Church has been laboring without a pastor for some time, and as the Rev. Wade H. Allison has resigned as Stated Supply of the Teachey Church as of January 1, 1956; the matter of working out a field which can call and support a minister was discussed. Following the discussion, a plan of investigation was agreed upon, with the purpose of another meeting at the earliest convenience.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

MILLARD G. STIMPSON,
Chairman.

Rev. M. C. MacQueen reported for the Committee on Nominations and the report was adopted as follows: (See Minutes of Called Meeting of November 9, 1955, on Page 21.)

RESOLUTION

Mr. Moderator and members of the Presbytery, your committee appointed to draw up suitable resolutions relative to the proposed consolidated Presbyterian College submits the following report:

Whereas, the Synod of North Carolina proposes the consolidation of three Institutions of Higher Education to form one Four-Year Senior Grade, Co-Educational College of Liberal Arts,

Be it resolved, 1. That Wilmington Presbytery, in session at Kenansville, N. C., on October 18, 1955, does heartily approve the consolidation of Flora Macdonald College, Peace Junior College, and Presbyterian Junior College for Men, into one Four-Year, Co-Educational College of Liberal Arts to be located in Eastern North Carolina,

And, 2. That we pledge our hearty support to this Institution wherever it may be located,

And, 3. That we earnestly ask that serious consideration be given to the area of Wilmington Presbytery in choosing a site for the college.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES W. WORTH
L. A. TAYLOR
GARDNER EDWARDS.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

Resolutions: H. J. Kaylor, J. A. Carr and R. A. Thigpen.

Leave of Absence: H. H. Hilton, E. D. Witherspoon and J. G. Murdock.

Place of next Meeting: W. M. Boice, W. B. Hood and D. L. Craig.

Presbytery recessed for lunch.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P.M. with the singing of the Hymn, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" and prayer by Rev. J. B. MacLeod.

A Motion authorizing the Committee on Higher Education to sign all applications for loans made by candidates for the ministry under the care of Presbytery, and all applications made by other persons planning full time Church Vocations, when such applications have been approved by the committee, was adopted.

The proposed amendment to Paragraph 80, Book of Church Order, was approved.

The Standing Committees made reports as follows:

Leave of Absence: That T. O. Bird and B. F. Hall be excused from this meeting of Presbytery; that the following be excused after 2:00 p.m. N. G. Stevens, P. H. Myers, Ed Wessell, J. C. Plexico, C. S. McChesney, J. S. Walkup, W. M. Boice, M. C. MacQueen, N. P. Farrior, W. E. Starnes.

Committee on Resolutions: The Wilmington Presbytery wishes to express its great joy in meeting in the Grove Presbyterian Church, Kenansville.

We are glad that we can meet here during the season of observing the 200th anniversary of the founding of this old and distinguished Church. The ladies of this church, who had a part in preparation and serving of such a splendid meal show that they have learned all of the ancient arts of food preparation handed down to them over the period of 200 years.

We all appreciate the beauty of the setting of this church and the warmth of the welcome made to us by all the people who have been in charge of our physical comfort.

Respectfully submitted,
H. J. KAYLOR,
Chairman.

The Committee on place of meeting recommended that the invitation of the Acme Church for the January Meeting of Presbytery be accepted. The recommendation was adopted.

Presbytery adopted a motion "That we request the General Assembly for an IN THESI, deliverance on the question: 'May a Presbytery proceed to the examination of a candidate or of a minister who has *not* been formally dismissed by another Presbytery, but who has expressed a willingness to accept a call within the Presbytery and who is willing to submit to said examination?'"

A motion that the Executive Secretary be made an ex-officio member of the Commission on the Minister and His Work but without vote on the commission, and that he serve as secretary of the commission was adopted.

Rev. J. C. McCann was nominated as moderator of the January meeting of the Presbytery.

Mr. Theodore Pratt representative of the Presbyterian Survey was introduced to the Presbytery and presented plans by which the official magazine of our church may be placed in most of the homes of the congregations, and plans for the development of the magazine. The talk was received as information. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with Prayer and the Benediction by Dr. L. A. Taylor.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK,
Permanent Clerk.

DIRECTORY

Moderators: June meeting—Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor; October meeting—A. E. Gibson.

Stated Clerk, Executive Secretary, Treasurer: Dr. L. A. Taylor.

Permanent Clerk: Rev. Samuel M. Houck.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark, J. Kyle Bannerman.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1958—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, *1956*—Rev. M. C. MacQueen.

TRUSTEES OF FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

1956—Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. J. W. Miller, Mr. J. A. Love, Dr. W. C. Mebane.

1957—Rev. C. W. Worth, Leslie N. Boney, Jr., W. T. McLean, Mrs. O. L. Parker.

1958—Rev. Jack W. Ware, Dr. L. A. Taylor, E. L. Derrick, D. M. Calhoun.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Chairman, Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Rev. James R. Phipps, Rev. W. H. Allison, Mrs. E. N. Pittman, Mrs. D. D. Clark, James Harris, C. F. Mallard, A. E. Gibson, S. L. Coble, Chevis Kerr, Jr., Leslie N. Boney, Jr.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Robert L. McBath, Rev. Charles W. Worth, L. B. Huie, Mrs. Colwell Smith.

1957—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Dr. Ben L. Rose, Rev. M. J. McChesney, Rev. Norman H. Flowers.

1958—Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr., Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Gardner Edwards.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Home Missions: Rev. Charles W. Worth, Chairman, Rev. Robert L. McBath, Rev. M. J. McChesney, Mrs. Colwell Smith, Fred E. Little, Leslie N. Boney, Jr.

Evangelism: Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Chairman, Dr. Ben L. Rose, Dr. W. C. Mebane, Mrs. E. D. Witherspoon.

Christian Relations: Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Chairman, Gardner Edwards.

Negro Work: Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Chairman, L. B. Huie.

Radio: Rev. Norman H. Flowers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. S. M. Houck, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Rev. John S. Walkup, Rev. Jack W. Ware, Mrs. Ash Miller, Algie Sutton.

1957—Rev. Jerry C. McCann, Mrs. M. C. MacQueen, E. L. Derrick, Mrs. W. J. Elkins.

1958—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. Albert G. Harris, Jr., Rev. J. S. Russell, Mrs. J. N. Walker.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Children's Work: Rev. J. C. McCann, Chairman.

Youth Work: Rev. Jack W. Ware, Chairman.

Pioneer Work: Rev. Albert G. Harris, Chairman.

Young Adult Work: Rev. J. S. Russell, Chairman.

Men's Work: James P. Harris, Chairman.

Leadership Education: Rev. John S. Walkup, Chairman.

Sunday School Superintendant's Association: C. F. Mallard.

WORLD MISSIONS

Rev. N. P. Farrior, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Norman P. Farrior, D. M. Calhoun.

1957—Rev. J. Fitzhugh Clark, E. H. Southerland.

1958—Rev. Reid H. Erwin, C. A. Williams.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

Rev. James R. Phipps, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. James R. Phipps, H. McNair Johnson.

1957—Rev. James A. Marrow, J. G. Dickson.

1958—Rev. Norman H. Flowers, W. M. Dickson.

HOMES

Rev. Jerry C. McCann, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Jerry C. McCann, D. A. Boyette.

1957—Rev. J. S. Russell, E. H. Munroe.

1958—Rev. Alvis M. Daniel, Mrs. P. R. Smith.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Area 1—Rev. B. E. Dotson (56), Rev. Taylor O. Bird (57), Rev. W. B. Hood (58).

Area 2—Rev. Samuel M. Houck (56), Rev. T. B. Ruff (57), Rev. Horace Hilton (58).

Area 3—Rev. F. C. Hutcheson (56), Rev. J. S. Walkup (57), Rev. J. W. Miller (58).

AUDITS

1956—W. E. Perdew, R. C. Platt, Jr., Jordan Sloan.

RECORDS
Rev. Thomas B. Ruff, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Thomas B. Ruff.
1957—Rev. J. Clyde Plexico.
1958—Rev. Stradford Snively.

ASSEMBLY'S CAUSES
Rev. John S. Steele, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Albert G. Harris.
1957—Rev. John S. Steele.
1958—Rev. James A. Marrow.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
Rev. Jack W. Ware, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Jack W. Ware.
1957—A. C. Pate.
1958—Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor.

HIGHER EDUCATION
Rev. W. H. Allison, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. J. C. Plexico, Mrs. Franklin Jones, J. R. Marks.
1957—Rev. J. B. MacLeod, Rev. W. H. Goodman, H. L. Joslyn.
1958—Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Rev. W. H. Allison, C. S. Clark.

EXAMINATIONS
Dr. Price H. Gwynn, *Chairman*

Theology—1956, Dr. Price H. Gwynn, 1958, Dr. Ben L. Rose.
Experimental Religion—1956, Rev. B. E. Dotson, 1958, Rev. P. L. Clark.
Sacraments and Church Government—1957, Rev. J. W. Miller, 1958, Rev. F. C. Hutcheson.
English Bible—1956, Rev. James A. Marrow, 1958, Dr. E. D. Witherspoon.
Academic Studies—1957, Rev. Neill G. Stevens, 1958, Rev. J. C. McCann.

NOMINATIONS
Dr. Ben L. Rose, *Chairman*

1956—Dr. Ben L. Rose, Dr. B. Frank Hall, Rev. Joseph B. MacLeod, C. S. Clark, George L. Mitchell.

COMMISSION ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK
Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Charles W. Worth, Dr. W. C. Mebane.
1957—Rev. J. W. Miller, Rufus Marks.
1958—Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Rev. Charles L. Kirby.

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(Listed in the order in which they were received)

1—P. L. Clark
2—J. L. Fairly
3—C. C. Myers
4—D. L. Williamson (F.M.)
5—J. W. Miller
6—J. S. Crowley (H.R.)
7—M. C. MacQueen
8—E. B. Carr (H.R.)
9—B. E. Dotson
10—N. P. Farrior
11—W. H. Allison
12—F. M. Thompson (H.R.)
13—E. D. Witherspoon
14—L. A. Taylor
15—W. B. Hood
16—F. W. Lewis (H.R.)
17—W. H. Goodman, Jr.
18—B. F. Hall
19—M. G. Stimpson
20—Neill G. Stevens
21—R. L. McBath
22—W. F. F. Little
23—S. M. Houck
24—M. J. McChesney
25—P. H. Gwynn
26—T. B. Ruff
27—Preston C. Oliver
28—S. N. Thomas
29—J. C. McCann
30—H. J. Kaylor
31—T. O. Bird
32—N. H. Flowers
33—L. C. Moore (F.M.)
34—C. L. Kirby
35—J. F. Clark
36—C. W. Worth
37—J. S. Steele
38—J. S. Walkup
39—H. H. Hilton
40—J. A. Marrow
41—J. B. MacLeod
42—J. S. Russell
43—C. S. McChesney
44—B. L. Rose
45—A. G. Harris, Jr.
46—A. M. Daniel
47—R. H. Erwin
48—S. T. Snively
49—J. R. Phipps
50—J. W. McGinnis

CHURCHES

Name, Year Organized

Acme, 1892
Antioch, 1925
Ashwood, 1922
Baker, 1934
Bethany, 1944
Beth Carr, 1819
Bethel, 1924
Beulaville, 1917
Black River, 1740
Bladenboro, 1889
Bowden, 1905
Brunswick, 1947
Burgaw, 1879
Calypso, 1903
Cape Fear, 1944
Carolina Beach, 1943
Caswell, 1858
Chadbourn, 1897
Chapel on Boardwalk, 1952
Chinquapin, 1884
Clarkton, 1795
Croatan, 1884
Currie, 1914
Delgado, 1916
Elizabethtown, 1834
Elkton, 1917
Faison, 1857
Graves Mem., 1838
Grove, 1736
Hallsville, 1900
Harmony, 1887
Harper-South'd, 1945
Hebron, 1886
Holly Grove, 1914
Hopewell, 1800
Immanuel, 1895
Jacksonville, 1911
Lake Waccamaw, 1921
Maple Hill, 1887
McClure Mem., 1940
Mt. Horeb, 1843
Mt. Olive, 1878
Mt. Williams, 1845
Mt. Zion, 1858
Myrtle Grove, 1944
New Hope, 1889
Oakdale, 1933
Oak Grove, 1952
Oak Plains, 1859
Page's Mill, 1946
Pearsall Mem., 1914
Pike, 1856
Pineland, 1953
Pink Hill, 1917
Pleasant View, 1924
Pollocksville, 1868
Potts Mem., 1945
Rockfish, 1756
Rocky Point, 1922
St. Andrews, 1858
Ch. of Covenant, 1918
Merged—1944
Smith, 1895
Southport, 1902
South River, 1796
Stanford, 1892
Stafford Mem., 1951
Tabor City, 1944
Teachey, 1902
Topsail, 1871
Trinity, 1954
Wallace, 1884
Warsaw, 1884
Webb Mem., 1929
Westminister, 1920
Westminster (Wilmington), 1954
White Plains, 1850
Whiteville First, 1869
Wildwood, 1898
Willard, 1915
Wilmington First, 1817
Winter Park, 1913
Woodburn, 1924

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Richard Bethune, Wilbur Boice, Eugene Davis, Clifton Dixon, Archie Faires, Lucius Gray, William McDonald, Adolf Otersen, Eugene Witherspoon, Perry Robinson.

STATED SESSION

The 193rd Stated Session of the Presbytery of Wilmington met in the Acme Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, January 17, 1956 at 10:00 a.m. The opening worship was conducted by the Rev. Horace H. Hilton. The sermon was preached by the Moderator, Ruling Elder A. E. Gibson, who used as his text Mark 14:8, "She Hath Done What She Could."

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen.

The following were enrolled:

Ministers: W. H. Allison; T. O. Bird; J. Fitzhugh Clark; P. L. Clark; J. S. Crowley; B. E. Dotson; N. P. Farrior; N. H. Flowers; W. H. Goodman, Jr.; B. Frank Hall; Horace H. Hilton; W. B. Hood; Samuel M. Houck; H. J. Kaylor; Charles L. Kirby; W. F. F. Little; J. B. MacLeod; M. C. MacQueen; Robert L. McBath; Jerry C. McCann; M. J. McChesney; C. S. McChesney; James A. Marrow; J. W. Miller; C. C. Myers; J. Clyde Plexico; Thomas B. Ruff; J. S. Russell; John S. Steele; Neil G. Stevens; Millard G. Stimpson; L. A. Taylor; Samuel N. Thomas; Jack W. Ware; J. S. Walkup; Charles W. Worth; Ben L. Rose; A. M. Daniel; Reid Erwin; Stradford Snively; J. W. McGinnis; J. R. Phipps.

The following churches were enrolled by representatives:

Acme, E. L. McNair; Antioch, Royden Caulk, Jr.; Ashwood, D. G. Robinson; Baker, Albert Cox; Bethany, Peter Groot; Beth Car, P. H. Myers; Bethel, Arthur Wood; Beulaville, Maurice Jackson; Bladenboro, J. Frank Davis; Brunswick, W. L. Ellen; Burgaw, C. D. Murphy; Calypso, H. B. Kornegay; Cape Fear, Donald L. Lane; Caswell, P. H. Lile; Chapel on the Boardwalk, J. Howard Smith; Chinquapin, John Hollingsworth; Clarkton, A. W. McEwen; Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Elizabethtown, C. C. Clark, Jr.; Graves Memorial, Dr. Wilbur Jackson; Grove, S. L. Ferrell; Hallsville, Cecil Miller; Harper-Southerland, Nick Smith; Hopewell, N. B. Murray; Immanuel, H. T. Wilson; Jacksonville, Raymond Marshall; Lake Waccamaw, P. G. Sutton; Maple Hill, S. A. Lanier; McClure Memorial, A. F. Wells, Mt. Olive, W. N. Patterson; Mt. Horeb, Clark Allen; Mt. Williams, R. A. Thigpen; Mt. Zion, H. E. Latham; New Hope, S. L. Purvis; Oak Grove, J. W. Vogels; Oak Plains, W. H. Hall; Pearsall Memorial, Dan James; Pike, Wiley Batson; Pineland, Troy King; Pollocksville, H. A. Parker; Potts Memorial, J. C. Southerland; Rockfish, C. A. Smith; Rocky Point, E. F. Langston; St. Andrews-Covenant, J. E. Hearn; Smiths, J. R. Thomas; Southport, Thomas W. St. George; Stanford, Simon Quinn; Stafford Memorial, J. J. Stafford; Tabor City, Hector Lee; Teachey, C. C. MacMillan; Topsail, R. M. Thomas; Trinity, M. L. McClimon; Wallace, J. D. Turner; Warsaw, E. W. Stewart; Morehead City, First, T. C. Hyman, Sr.; Westminster (Wilmington), W. E. Starnes; Westminster (Whiteville), E. F. Davis; White Plains, A. F. Burney; Whiteville, First, G. O. Rogers; Wildwood, J. G. Murdock; Willard, C. T. Carr; Wilmington, First, W. H. Henderson; Winter Park, J. T. Barden, Sr.

A Quorum was present.

Ruling Elder W. G. Houck of the First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, N. C., was introduced to the Presbytery as a visitor.

Ruling Elders representing their session for the first time were introduced and welcomed by the Moderator.

Rev. Jerry C. McCann was elected Moderator of the Presbytery.

The following communications were read and referred or disposed of:

1. From the Board of Church Extension concerning the work of Chaplain P. C. Oliver. 2. From Dr. E. C. Scott, relating to the time and place of the 1957 General Assembly received as information. 3. R. C. Perkins, requesting a letter of transfer to the East Hanover Presbytery, the request was granted.

The docket prepared by the Stated Clerk was presented amended and adopted as the order of business for the day.

The Report of the Committee on World Missions was presented by the Chairman, Rev. N. P. Farrior. Pending the adoption of the report, Presbytery heard Miss Sara Nixon, a Missionary to Mexico in an address.

The report was received as information and the following recommendation adopted: That ministers and elders and the various divisions of service in the church make every practical use of materials furnished by the Board at Nashville, and that the week of Prayer and Self-Denial for world missions be observed from February the 26th to March 4th.

A proposed overture was offered and referred to a standing committee on Bills and Overtures.

The following persons were added to the committee on records for service at this meeting of Presbytery:

A. M. Daniel, Reid Erwin, J. A. Marrow, J. S. Steele, J. W. Ware, J. F. Davis, J. Howard Smith, Cecil Miller. These persons together with the permanent Committee on Records were excused to examine the Sessional records.

The Council of Presbytery reported to the Presbytery that it had approved the proposed division of the Bethany-McClure field; of the Mt. Zion, Oak Plains and Teachey field; of the Carolina Beach, Myrtle Grove; and Chapel on the Boardwalk, Oak Grove fields; and of the regroupings of the Oak Plains, Teachey and Willard Churches, and the Oak Grove, Myrtle Grove Churches.

The Council recommended that the travel allowance for the Executive Secretary be raised from 7 to 8 cents per mile was adopted.

A recommendation that the Presbytery present the Executive Secretary a gift of $100.00 in token of his ten years service was adopted.

Appointment of Standing Committees:

Leave of Absence—J. W. Vogels.
Resolutions—A. E. Gibson.
Place of Next Meeting—A. F. Wells.
Bills and Overtures—S. M. Houck, W. E. Starnes and Dan James.

Presbytery recessed for lunch.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 and was led in prayer by the Moderator.

The following persons were elected commissioners to General Assembly:

Principals

MINISTERS
J. C. McCann
W. B. Hood
W. H. Allison
B. E. Dotson

Principals

RULING ELDERS
Gardner Edwards
Luther Powell
W. C. Mebane
H. McNair Johnson

Alternates

MINISTERS
M. J. McChesney
B. F. Hall
J. A. Marrow
N. H. Flowers

Alternates

RULING ELDERS
B. C. Thigpen
Lachlan Bethune
H. A. Edwards
Alex Urquhart

The following motion was adopted:

That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Frederick Willetts, Sr., of Wilmington, expressing Presbytery's appreciation of the tireless and efficient labors of himself and his committee, and the cooperation of congregations of other denominations, in the current effort to secure the location of the Presbyterian College in the Wilmington area.

The report of the committee of Women's work was presented by the Rev. H. J. Kaylor who introduced Mrs. E. N. Pittman, president of the Women of the Presbytery. Mrs. Pittman was granted the privilege of the floor to give the annual report.

The report was adopted and is as follows:

MRS. E. N. PITTMAN

As we look back over the year's work just completed, we are filled with a deep sense of gratitude to God for His continued blessings upon us and for His guiding hand which has been felt in so many ways and at so many times. The Women of the Church have been devoted and zealous and the work has prospered due to their efforts, their faith and their love.

The membership is 4,659, divided into seventy-five groups with 195 circles. Total gifts for the year reached $47,477.00; $29,925.00 was

given to benevolences and $17,552.00 to local church work. This is an increase of $7,825.00 over the preceding year. Each group observed the Birthday in May and $2,089.14 was given to the objective, a Christian hospital in Japan.

The special financial project for the year was the raising of five thousand dollars for the Lucy Steele Memorial Fund. The final figures are not available. At the last report we had given $3,000.00 in loving memory of this devoted Bible teacher.

One scholarship, which pays $266.00 annually, was given to Flora Macdonald College.

Special emphasis has been placed on efforts to have our women informed about the total program of our church. Miss Ruth Hillhouse, Field Worker from the Women's Board in Atlanta, came to our Presbytery in January. She met with small selected groups and in conferences when groups came together, and was most helpful. Two from the Mission field itinerated in February; Mrs. Alvin Clapp from Africa, and the Reverend L. W. Peterson from Japan. Dr. Charles Gibboney, Secretary of Promotion, from the Board of Church Extension in Atlanta, was with us in October. No woman, after hearing his stirring and informative messages, can ever again say she does not understand the scope of Church Extension as it now exists in our Church's program.

The 67th Annual meeting of the Women of the Church of Wilmington Presbytery was held in the First Church of Wilmington on October 20th and 21st, 1955. An evening session was held on the night of the 20th at which Dr. Ben Lacy Rose, pastor of the hostess church, was the inspirational speaker.

The "Days of Prayer" were held during the first two weeks of March. As always, these proved to be the spiritual high lights. These days are special because they inform and meet the special needs of the individual women in the local organizations as no other meetings do. A total of 540 attended these six meetings and $240.00 was given to the Lucy Steele Fund.

Thirteen women attended the Synodical Training School at Peace College. Twenty-three were at the Women's Conference at Montreat. Twenty-six fine Negro women went for training at the Christian Conference for Negro Women at Winston-Salem. The number of women who go to this conference increases each year, which is most encouraging.

We met our White Cross quotas with nearly every group participating. This is a service which has especial appeal to small groups.

Many evidences of spiritual growth are noted. More women are in Sunday School and studying the Bible. We have an increase in Prayer Groups and in those who will lead in prayer and conduct Bible studies. Many report organizing the "shut-ins" into prayer groups and all minister to them in many ways. Our family altars and tithers increase slowly each year.

For the evidences of growth and devotion we are deeply grateful. There is still much to be accomplished but we enter the coming year with confidence. It is our prayer that as we go Forward with Christ in Christian Family Life, our service may be more acceptable to Him, and that faith and love may bind us more closely to Him and to each other.

The reports of the Treasurer of Presbytery, of the Central Treasurer of Benevolence, of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Committee, of Presbytery's Office, of the Church and Manse Fellowship Fund, were presented and adopted subject to such corrections as may be made by the auditors.

These are as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF PRESBYTERY

January 11, 1955 to January 11, 1956

THE CONTINGENT FUND

A. Receipts:

Balance on Hand January 11, 1955	$4,224.62	
Received from the Churches	4,207.25	
Total	$8,431.87	$8,431.87

B. Disbursements:

Salary of Permanent Clerk	$ 200.00	
To the Office of Presbytery	500.00	
General Assembly Assessment	1,538.42	
Synod's Assessment	545.40	
Expenses of Committees	234.43	
Wilmington Printing Co.	815.60	
Postage	63.82	
Office Stationery	67.92	
Bank Check Charges	23.45	
Miscellaneous	2.05	
Total	$3,991.09	3,991.09
Receipts less Disbursements		$4,440.78

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES

January 11, 1955 to January 11, 1956

A. Receipts:

Balance on Hand January 11, 1955	$ 4,721.68	
Received from Churches and Deposited	120,820.48	
Received from Churches, Sent to Agencies	151.94	
Total	$125,694.10	$125,694.10

B. Disbursements:

ASSEMBLY CAUSES

World Missions	$ 25,523.89
Assembly Church Extension	11,262.01
Christian Education	4,957.83
Annuities and Relief	6,655.06
General Fund	5,511.83
Inter-Church Agencies	210.43
Total	$ 54,121.05

SYNOD CAUSES

Church Extension	$ 3,960.96
Higher Education	11,410.77
Campus Christian Life	957.27
Orphan's Home	9,603.57
Presbyterian Home	1,254.62
Religious Education	1,958.05
Total	$ 29,145.24

PRESBYTERY CAUSES

Home Missions	$ 28,593.28
Religious Education	480.05
Presbytery's Office	9,630.13
Total	$ 38,703.46

TOTAL BUDGET CAUSES

Assembly	$ 54,121.05
Synod	29,145.24
Presbytery	38,703.46
Total	$121,969.75

NON-BUDGET CAUSES

Negro Work Campaign	$ 2,979.55	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
Total	$ 3,029.55	
Receipts		$125,694.10
Less Disbursements		124,999.30
Balance on Hand		$ 694.80

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

A. Receipts:

On Hand January 1, 1955	$ 7,009.59	
Cherry Point Motor Company (Rent)	375.00	
Insurance Recovery from Damages	489.09	
Synod of North Carolina	4,700.00	
Board of Church Extension (Assembly)	6,530.00	
Belk-Beery Company, Wilmington Store	2,000.00	
Chinquapin Church (moving expenses of pastor)	123.53	
Presbytery's Benevolences	28,593.88	
Sale of Lot in Havelock, N. C.	10,000.00	
Loans from Synod of North Carolina	7,500.00	
Loans from Board of Church Extension	10,900.00	
Hanover Iron Works (Donation)	104.82	
Refund on M.A.F. Dues (Overpaid)	9.95	
Total	$78,335.86	$78,335.86

B. Disbursements:*

Salaries of Pastors and Workers	$19,926.64	
Grants-In-Aid	31,900.00	
Manse Renovations and Repairs	3,404.38	
Payments Made on Loans	7,022.66	
Repayments to Contingent Fund	1,500.00	
M.A.F. Dues	757.82	
Social Security Tax	127.20	
Moving Pastors to Fields	1,285.56	
Church Extension Conference	163.80	
Miscellaneous	466.91	
Total	$66,554.97	66,554.97
Receipts less Disbursements		$11,780.89

**See Itemized Statement of Disbursements*

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS BY TREASURER OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Salaries Paid to Pastors and Workers

P. L. Clark	$ 300.00
F. C. Hutcheson	3,000.00
W. F. F. Little	1,200.00
Neill G. Stevens	660.00
Leslie C. Tucker	225.00
Samuel N. Thomas	1,200.00
Joseph B. MacLeod	1,680.00
James A. Marrow, Jr.	2,000.00
Alvis M. Daniel	1,166.64
James R. Phipps	350.00
George B. Williams	600.00
C. W. Kimbro	200.00
Carroll Stegall	25.00
J. F. Clark	1,620.00
J. Clyde Plexico	1,800.00
Bladenboro Church	900.00
Mrs. G. C. Quinn	3,000.00
Total	$19,926.64

Grants-in-Aid

Acme Church	$ 4,500.00
Beulaville Manse	600.00
Bethany Manse	1,000.00
Caswell Church	500.00
Cape Fear Church	450.00
Harmony Church	1,000.00
Myrtle Grove Church	500.00
Woodburn Church	750.00
Trinity Church	10,000.00
Bethel Manse	5,000.00
Chinquapin Church	100.00
Total	$31,900.00

Manse Renovations and Repairs

Cape Fear Manse	$ 367.65
Carolina Beach Manse	1,497.56
Presbytery's Manse	748.92
Wrightsville Avenue Manse	394.00
Wrightsville Beach Manse	396.25
Total	$ 3,404.38

Payments Made on Loans

Acme Church	$ 388.54
Chapel on Boardwalk	1,228.50
Riegelwood Manse	1,381.12
Trinity Manse	1,712.50
Cape Fear Manse	1,280.00
Wrightsville Beach Manse	1,032.00
Total	$ 7,022.66

Contingent Fund

Repayment	$ 1,500.00

Miscellaneous

Title examinations, registrations, Taxes	$ 135.60
Insurance	140.18
Postage	16.66
Expenses to Richmond	42.17
Incidentals	30.65
Rent of Manse for Trinity	106.25
Total	$ 471.51

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF PRESBYTERY'S OFFICE

January 11, 1955 to January 11, 1956

A. Receipts:

Balance on Hand January 11, 1955	$ 2,201.31	
From Presbytery's Benevolences	9,630.13	
Total	$11,831.44	$11,831.44

B. Disbursements:

Salary of the Executive Secretary	$ 5,500.00	
Traveling Expenses (Mileage)	1,182.79	
Minister's Annuity Fund	472.59	
Group Insurance and Hospitalization	85.20	
Salary Office Secretary	650.00	
Postage	128.40	
Stationery and Supplies	37.50	
Bank Check Charges (Benevolence Acct.)	80.25	
Telephone	140.89	
Printing	72.99	
Auditing Expenses	10.00	
Miscellaneous	11.00	
Total	$ 8,371.61	8,371.61
Receipts less Disbursements		$ 3,459.83

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH AND MANSE ASSISTANCE FELLOWSHIP

January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

A. RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand from 1954	$ 271.90	
From Call #1	1,284.00	
From Call #2	1,394.60	
Total	$ 2,950.50	$ 2,950.50

B. DISBURSEMENTS:

Woodburn Church	$ 1,250.00	
Beulaville Manse	1,400.00	
Bank Check Charges	6.40	
Total	$ 2,656.40	2,656.40
RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS		$ 294.10

The Committee on Records reported that the minutes of the Sessions of the churches had been examined, and when exceptions were taken these had been noted in the books. The report was received as information.

It was pointed out that a list of the exceptions were also to be presented to the Presbytery, and the committee will do so next year.

The minutes of the Commission to install Rev. J. W. McGinnis were read and admitted to record as follows:

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. JAMES W. McGINNIS

The Commission of Wilmington Presbytery appointed to install Rev. James W. McGinnis as pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church met in the Community Chapel of Havelock, N. C., Sunday, December 4, 1955. Members present were Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. Albert G. Harris, Jr., Rev. L. A. Taylor, Ruling Elder H. L. Joslyn. Rev. L. A. Taylor was elected Clerk. Mr. A. E. Gibson, Moderator of the Presbytery was present and invited to take part in the service of installation. Parts assigned by the Presbytery were read. The Commission was led in prayer and recessed to the sanctuary, where the service was held.

By the invitation of the Commission, Mr. A. E. Gibson acted as moderator. The sermon was preached by Dr. E. D. Witherspoon from the subject "I believe in God." The Constitutional Questions were propounded by Dr. L. A. Taylor. The questions were answered in the affirmative by both the Minister and the members of the congregation and Rev. J. W. McGinnis was declared the duly constituted pastor of the congregation.

A charge to the pastor was given by Rev. Albert G. Harris, Jr. A charge to the congregation was given by Ruling Elder H. L. Joslyn. Rev. J. W. McGinnis pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened after the service, approved the minutes, was dismissed with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR,
Chairman

Rev. S. N. Thomas gave an oral report for the Commission on the Minister and His Work. The Whiteville First Church was permitted to amend the terms of the call to its Pastor and was commended for paying a larger salary.

The resignation of Rev. S. M. Houck from the Pastorate of the McClure Memorial Church was accepted by the Presbytery after the Elder had reported on the action of the congregation, also the Bethany Church request that the terms of the call be amended so that Mr. Houck could serve full time in that church was granted. The date for the effectiveness of the resignation and for the beginning of the full time service at Bethany was left to the Sessions of the two churches.

The Committee on Evangelism was authorized to prepare charts on Evangelism and send these to the churches, the cost to be paid from the Contingent Fund of the Presbytery.

The report of the sub committee on Christian Relations of the Committee on Church Extension made its report which was adopted as follows:

CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

"In Christian Relations we seek to relate all of life, and the lives of all people, to Jesus Christ and to one another according to God's will as revealed in Holy Scripture."

Since this is the statement of the work of this Committee as it operates in all levels of our Church, it is apparent that each member of the Presbyterian Church is involved and should be personally concerned with the work which this Committee does.

This Committee, on the Assembly level, makes a study each year of one or more of the personal and social problems facing us as Christians and as a Church. The report to the 1955 Assembly reflects the important nature of this study. In the midst of this time of tension and difference of opinion within our Church concerning important issues, the Christian Relations Committee made a study and report on "Unity In The Church—With Diversity." The report is most helpful and should be carefully and prayerfully read and studied by both ministry and laity of our Church. In a supplemental report, attention was called to other most important problems such as Race Relations, Alcoholism, Juvenile Delinquency, and Citizenship.

The results of these various studies are passed down to the local level in three ways. First, classes are held each year at Montreat in Christian Relations for chairmen of Synod, Presbytery, and local church committees. Second, the Committee prints a paper each month called "THE BRIDGE." This paper offers exchange of ideas and tells of the work being done in the field of Christian Relations. Third, the committee prints and makes available to all interested persons helpful pamphlets dealing with the subjects under consideration.

On our Presbytery level little is done in this field of work. There is apparently little, if any interest expressed in this work by the Presbytery as a body. This must be true in other Presbyteries as well and in many churches. For this reason the General Assembly in this next church year

has given Christian Relations a season of special emphasis. We are in that season of emphasis now as the month designated was January.

The one thing that all seem to know about Christian Relations, is that it was through this committee that the question of segregation was brought up before our church in 1954. Since the matter of segregation falls within the scope of the work of this committee we feel that we must speak on the subject. In 1954 and 1955 our Assembly acted upon this subject. In 1955 our Synod also acted upon the matter. For this reason the question is now before the Presbytery and we can no longer ignore it.

We would like to say, first of all, that it is a regrettable fact that part of the misunderstanding on this matter is due not to what our church has done but to the fact that much of the thought expressed stems from the reading of sensational newspaper reports and from talking to people outside our church instead of prayerful study of the reports themselves. Brethren, this thing should not so to be!

Your committee feels that two things are clear from the reports of the Assembly and Synod. First, it was evidently felt that the Bible has something to say about the matter of race relations which Christians need to study and pray about in the light of Christian teaching. Second, these reports have urged the Presbyteries and Sessions to make a study themselves in the light of the Biblical teachings. We believe that the time has come for the Presbytery of Wilmington to comply with these requests. As Presbyterians we cannot refuse to hear the voice of the courts of the Church because the subject is controversial. We must comply with them with the earnest prayer that the Holy Spirit will show His will to us.

As we face this matter we would call attention to this year's report, "Unity In The Church—With Diversity," and call for the practice of Christian love and prayer on the part of each individual.

In the light of this report and with prayer that God will be glorified in this work your committee on Christian Relations makes the following recommendations:

1. That the local churches be urged to appoint Sessional committees on Christian Relations and the name of the chairman be sent to the Chairman of Presbytery's committee in order that information of this work might reach the local level.

2. That each congregation be urged to emphasize the work of Christian Relations during the period of special emphasis set up by our General Assembly in January.

3. That pastors and Sessions be asked to make use of the material available through this committee by familiarizing themselves with it and by placing it in the hands of the members of the congregation.

4. That, since we cannot escape the consideration of segregation, Sessions be urged to make a study of the reports on this matter which have come from the Assembly and Synod, doing so in the light of Scriptural teaching.

5. That after making this study of the action of our Church on segregation that they be requested to inform the congregation of these reports in a manner deemed wise by them, calling for prayer and Bible study.

6. That the Presbytery of Wilmington appoint seven additional men, four elders and three ministers, to serve with the members of this committee as a special committee to study the report of the Synod of North Carolina in the light of Scripture, with the aim of possibly adopting this report as the statement of this Presbytery on the matter of Racial Relations.

The following persons were elected to serve on the committee of Christian Relations in accordance with the 6th recommendation:

Clarence Clark, D. M. Calhoun, Alex Urquhart, H. L. Joselyn, M. C. MacQueen, C. W. Worth and Charles L. Kirby.

The Committee on the Revision of the Manual reported progress and requested to be continued until the April meeting of the Presbytery. The request was granted.

The committee on Resolutions made its report which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Wilmington Presbytery January 17, 1956

Acme Church
Riegelwood, North Carolina

The Wilmington Presbytery is most grateful to the members of the Acme Presbyterian Church and the fine people of the Riegelwood community for the warm and genuine hospitality extended during the 193rd stated meeting.

The people of Riegelwood are to be most graciously congratulated on the completion of their most beautiful church and to honor this Presbytery by having it as their guest.

The Presbytery wishes to thank the good women of the church and community for the fine food and entertainment they furnished during its session and their loving service will be an occasion to be long remembered.

To the pastor, Rev. Sam Thomas, goes thanks for his careful and meticulous preparation for the meeting and for the warm wholesome welcome extended us.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. GIBSON
Chairman

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported recommending that the following be excused from all or a part of the proceedings of the Presbytery:

S. A. Lanier, M. C. MacQueen, Dr. Wilbur Jackson, E. D. Witherspoon and P. H. Gwynn.

The recommendation was adopted.

A. F. WELLS
Chairman

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting reported an invitation from the Bethany Church and recommended that the invitation be accepted. The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, recommending that the following overture be adopted and forwarded to General Assembly:

"The Presbytery of Wilmington, in Session at the Acme Presbyterian Church, respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. to give whatever authority and encouragement needed to the Board of World Mission, to the end that the Board make a personal approach to likely prospects for World Mission service in our Seminaries and the Assembly's Training School, offering to these prospects definity calls to particular service."

The recommendation was adopted.

An announcement of the bicentennial of Presbyterianism in Wilmington was made by Dr. Ben L. Rose. This observance will be held each Sunday evening in February and all are invited to the service.

Ruling Elder E. L. Derrick was nominated as moderator of the April meeting of the Presbytery.

The minutes were read, and approved and Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday, February 7th in the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C., at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. W. M. Dickson offered the closing prayer.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK

STATED SESSION

The 194th Stated Session of the Presbytery of Wilmington convened at the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, N. C., Tuesday, April 17, 1956, at 10:00 a.m. The opening worship was conducted by the Moderator, Rev. J. C. McCann, who preached a sermon from the Text: Mark 16:6-7. The theme of the Sermon was: "Christ Is Risen and Goes Before . . . ."

The Roll was called and the following were enrolled:

Ministers: W. H. Allison; T. O. Bird; J. F. Clark; P. L. Clark; J. S. Crowley; B. E. Dotson; Reid Erwin; N. P. Farrior; W. H. Goodman, Jr.; P. H. Gwynn; A. G. Harris, Jr.; H. H. Hilton; W. B. Hood; S. M. Houck; H. J. Kaylor; C. L. Kirby; W. F. F. Little; J. B. MacLeod; M. C. MacQueen; R. L. McBath; J. C. McCann; C. S. McChesney; M. J. McChesney; J. A. Marrow; J. W. Miller; C. C. Myers; J. R. Phipps; B. L. Rose; T. B. Ruff; J. S. Russell; J. S. Steele; N. G. Stevens; Stradford Snively; M. G. Stimpson; L. A. Taylor; S. N. Thomas; J. S. Walkup; E. D. Witherspoon and C. W. Worth.

The following churches were enrolled by representatives:

Antioch, Royden Caulk; Baker, W. M. Dail; Bethany, D. G. Ellers; Beth Car, P. H. Myers; Bethel, Dewey Lanier; Beulaville, A. W. Gresham; Black River, E. W. Reeves; Bladenboro, J. F. Davis; Burgaw, D. N. Lucas; Calypso, J. R. Maxwell; Carolina Beach, D. N. Page; Caswell, Ashley Murphy; Chadbourn, E. L. Derrick; Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, C. E. Dixon; Chinquapin, W. F. Dail; Clarkton, G. C. Singletary; Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Elkton, W. J. Elkins; Graves Memorial, R. S. Reynolds, Sr.; Hallsville, James Miller; Hopewell, J. S. Newkirk; Immanuel, Percy C.

West; Jacksonville, John A. Clayton; McClure Memorial, A. F. Wells; Mt. Olive, W. W. Cobb; Mt. Horeb, C. L. Braddy; Mt. Williams, R. A. Thigpen; Mt. Zion, M. L. Carr; Oak Grove, J. D. Colvin; Oak Plains, A. C. Newkirk; Pearsall Memorial, Paul Jordan; Pineland, Troy King; Pollocksville, H. A. Parker; Potts Memorial, C. A. Bowling; Rockfish, E. D. Wells, Jr.; Rocky Point, A. N. Myers; St. Andrews-Covenant, C. J. Plastre; Smith, J. R. Thomas; Southport, James M. Wolfe; Stafford Memorial, J. J. Stafford; Teachey, D. H. Boney; Topsail, Johnnie Thomas; Wallace, J. N. Wells; Morehead City's First, Alex Lewis; Westminster, (Wilmington), W. E. Starnes; Westminster, (Whiteville), J. P. Warner; White Plains, Alex Burney; Whiteville, First, W. G. Prevatte; Wildwood, W. R. Murdock; Willard, C. R. Dillard; Wilmington First, John Hall; Winter Park, G. G. Murray; Woodburn, O. D. Williams; Grove, R. V. Wells.

A quorum was present.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. C. C. Myers.

The following visitors were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren:

Rev. Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, of the Presbytery of Lexington, Synod of Virginia; Rev. Mr. I. M. Bagnal, of the Presbytery of Pee Dee, Synod of S. C.

Ruling Elders in attendance at Presbytery for the first time were introduced by the ministers of the churches, and welcomed to the Presbytery by the Moderator. Mr. E. L. Derrick, Ruling Elder of Chadbourn was elected Moderator.

The following communications were read:

From Rev. Mr. N. H. Flowers and Dr. B. F. Hall requesting to be excused from attendance at Presbytery because of evangelistic meetings outside the Presbytery. Requests were granted.

From Dr. Harold J. Dudley, Executive Secretary of the Synod of N. C. relative to an evangelistic team of students from Union Theological Seminary, received as information.

Presbytery was welcomed to the Bethany Church by the Pastor.

A docket prepared by the Stated Clerk was presented and adopted as the order of business for the day.

The report of the Executive Committee on Christian Education was presented by Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Chairman, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

April 1956

Your committee has reviewed the reports of the Sessions of our churches to Presbytery with thanksgiving to God for his blessing upon the educational program of our churches. Statistics tell only a small part of the story of the development of leadership, of the outreach to new persons, of the blessings of God in greater understanding that has come to

our people. The most pertinent data will be found in the annual statistical report to the General Assembly which you will receive in the printed minutes of Presbytery.

A major concern of your committee for the past year has been the task assigned to us by the Presbytery last April . . . that is, the investigation of the necessity for, and location of, a camp site for the Presbytery. The committee in carrying out this responsibility was represented at a conference on camp site procurement and development in January, in Birmingham, Alabama. We have met several times, and investigated many sites.

We would remind the Presbytery that this is no small undertaking. In order to determine something of the necessity for such a camp site, your committee spent several hours considering the program which would probably be sponsored, whether or not the present camping program and conference program were enough, and what new ventures ought to be pursued. In the light of what we feel to be a present and growing need we think the time has come for the Presbytery to purchase a site for the development of a camp.

Having come thus far, your committee began looking at various sites in the Presbytery, not with a view to the cheapest, nor the one that would prove most readily available, but one that would meet certain standards: for example, we wanted a site that would be accessible, yet not too accessible; a site that had a variety of landscape; a site with water for swimming, etc.; a site that could be developed for use by small groups for day camping while being used by week campers; a site that would appeal to adults as well as young people; a site that could be controlled; a site near enough to doctors and hospital facilities to be safe . . .

In the light of what we considered the requirements of a camp site, your committee in small groups and as a whole, walked over a great many acres of land, drove our cars a good many miles, spent a great deal of time. We feel that our efforts have not been wasted. We make the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery approve the securing of two tracts of land in Pender County for development of a camp site. These lands total 150 acres, more or less and will cost a total of $6,760.00.

2. That the Presbytery approve the committee making down payment on these lands.

3. That the Presbytery elect a Camp Development Committee to be composed of twenty-one (21) persons: The Chairman of the Committee of Church Extension, The Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, The Chairman of the Committee of Christian Education, The Chairman of the Committee of Christian Education of the Women of the Church of the Presbytery, the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery, one man elected by the Council of the Men of the Presbytery, and fifteen (15) persons at large in the Presbytery.

   a. This committee should have authority to:

   (1) Plan for the program of the camp site

   (2) Secure competent architectural service of a camp architect

   (3) Plan and promote a financial campaign in the Presbytery for the development of the property

   (4) Plan for the orderly development of the camp site in accordance with a Master Plan worked out with the architect

4. That all churches share in the Forward With Christ program this year with the emphasis upon the Christian Home being foremost.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK
Chairman

The report of the Executive Committee on Higher Education was presented by Rev. W. H. Allison, Chairman of the committee.

Pending adoption of the report Presbytery heard an address by Dr. Hunter B. Blakely of the Board of Christian Education, on "The Importance of the Christian College."

The report of the committee was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Wilmington Presbytery — April 17

The General Assembly of 1954, aroused by the situation confronting Christian higher education, designated the year 1956 as a year of Special Emphasis for the Entire Program of Christian Higher Education. The needs of the Church necessitated this action. A free Church depends, for its survival and the propagation of its faith, upon a well trained ministry and an educated constituency. The institutions of the Church needed this action. All of our schools were fighting a losing battle with inflation and the indifference of the Church at large to the expanding needs of higher education. The generation in which we live needed it. A free society depends upon the education of its leadership. Since 1947 the proportion of students in tax-supported schools has risen sharply over that of those in church-related and independent schools. Then, too, we have to take into consideration the church's responsibility for the steadily increasing number of college students that promises an enrollment double that of the present fifteen years from now.

The Synod of North Carolina is very much aware of this added emphasis on Christian higher education, because of the action taken at its meeting last summer that has resulted in positive action looking toward the merger of Flora Macdonald College, Peace College, and Presbyterian Junior College, and the establishment of a senior, coeducational, liberal arts college at Laurinburg, N. C. A financial campaign to raise $3,500,000 to establish the consolidated college and to provide additional funds for the program of Campus Christian Life has been launched. Inspired by the contribution that Presbyterianism has made to higher education in the past, we believe Presbyterian Higher Education has an equally important contribution to make now. Aware of the magnitude of this undertaking and the formidable obstacles that must be overcome for a successful campaign, we believe that the urgency of the need of Presbyterian higher education is far greater than any other consideration, and that we should let nothing stand in the way of the completion of this financial campaign.

Attention is called to the part that Campus Christian Life shares in our emphasis on the whole program of Christian higher education and in the financial campaign for $500,000 for augmenting the program of Campus Christian Life in the Synod of North Carolina. Our responsibility for the spiritual care of Presbyterian students in tax-supported schools is just as great as for those in our Presbyterian Colleges. The task is far too great for the local churches, though they have done a praise-worthy work. Adequate facilities and full time student workers are needed at Duke, East Carolina, North Carolina, State College, and Woman's College.

We are glad to report that we now have eleven candidates for the ministry under care of Presbytery. Six of these are students at Union Theo-

logical Seminary in Richmond, Va., and five are in college. We have one candidate for lay service attending the Assembly's Training School in Richmond.

Recommendations

1. That Wilmington Presbytery urge every local church to participate fully in the program of emphasis on Christian Higher Education projected by the General Assembly for this year.

2. That the Presbytery also go on record as giving its undivided support to Synod's financial campaign for the consolidated college and campus Christian Life. That our people be encouraged to give liberally and prayerfully to this cause.

3. That every Church strive to have a good representation at the Presbytery Rally at the Wallace Church Sunday, April 22nd at 3:30 p.m.

4. That Dr. Hunter B. Blakley, Secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Christian Education, be heard in connection with this report.

5. That a representative of the firm Ward, Dreshman, and Reinhardt be heard also.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. ALLISON
Chairman

A season of Prayer was observed, and prayer was led by Rev. T. B. Ruff for the cause of Christian Higher Education.

Rev. J. R. Phipps presented the report of the committee on Annuities and Relief.

The report was adopted and is as follows:

I am pleased to report that 1955 was an excellent year for the Board of Annuities and Relief.

1. *Ministers' Annuity Fund.*

The membership in the Ministers' Annuity Fund as of December 31, 1955 was 2,719. This is an increase of 134 over December 31, 1954.

Assets of the Fund as of Dec. 31, 1954	$16,513,111.32
Assets of the Fund as of Dec. 31, 1955	18,224,362.81
An increase of	1,711,251.49
The amount paid out in annuities from—April 1, 1940 (beginning of the Fund) to December 31, 1955	2,522,180.26

In 1955 the Board supplemented from the funds of Ministerial Relief the annuities of 321 annuitants to the extent of $287,912.34. The total supplements paid since 1946—$1,316,582.03.

2. *Employees' Annuity Fund.*

This fund began to function September 1, 1942 and as of December 31, 1955 we had 539 members enrolled. This is an increase of 46 over December 31, 1954. Since the beginning of this Fund, 7 employees have retired because of age and 3 because of total and permanent disability.

3. *Relief.*

This is one of the Board's greatest opportunities for service. Most of this Fund is created by the Joy Gift. The Board sent to 316 homes in 1955 —$200,253.06 . . . this was divided among 56 ministers, 231 widows, 14 homes of 15 orphans and 15 non-ministerial workers. These beneficiaries

were never participants in the Ministers' Annuity Fund. The oldest beneficiary celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday, January 11, 1956. The total number of homes assisted from Relief Funds—were 637 for $488,165.40.

The Churches' generosity to relief has made it possible for us to continue assistance to the many beneficiaries on our relief rolls.

4. *Insurance.*

The Board of Annuities and Relief now has enrolled in the life insurance plan 2,293; in the hospitalization 1,678; dependents 529. Fine progress has been made but we should not be satisfied until *all* of our eligible employees and ministers are enrolled in this plan. Officers and laymen of the churches must take the initiative in this program. The ministers cannot push this too vigorously because they are directly affected. *Every* church should be in this plan and *all eligible employees covered.* The group life insurance plan was started July 1, 1952 and the group hospitalization plan started October 17, 1953. Since the beginning of these plans the Board has paid 46 life insurance death claims totaling $110,000.00; 940 hospital and surgical claims totaling $89,142.12.

5. *Presbyterian Center.*

The Board owns the Presbyterian Center in Atlanta, Georgia. All the agencies of the Church with the exception of the Board of World Missions, Nashville, Tennessee, the Board of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia, and Presbyterian Foundation, Charlotte, North Carolina, are housed in this Center. Our Church has a total investment of $81,629.92 in this property, the balance of the money needed to purchase it was put up by Presbyterian laymen of Atlanta, Georgia. Presbyterian Center is a fine asset to the Church that has resulted in economy and efficiency for the agencies domiciled there.

Wilmington Presbytery has four annuitants receiving a total of $3,475.00. This is an increase over last year of $500.00.

Our Presbytery has two ministers on Ministerial Relief. They received from the Board of Annuities and Relief a total of $1,800.00.

Grants were also made from the Reynolds Fund.

The Relief Grants to our beneficiaries are now the highest they have been in the history of the Board. The Board does not feel however, that they are adequate, but it is the best they can do at this time. The only source of the Relief Fund is from the Joy Gift and the Benevolent Budget of the Church. This is a cause worthy of our attention, effort and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES R. PHIPPS
Chairman

Rev. Horace H. Hilton made verbal report for the Sub-Committee on Evangelism of the committee on Church Extension. The report was received as information. The following information was included in the report:

REPORT ON EVANGELISM FOR THE YEAR 1955

Churches Making Net Gains for the Year	41
Churches Having Net Losses for the Year	31
Churches Having no Professions of Faith	24
Churches Receiving no Members	12

The Rev. Mr. J. C. McCann requested that the Pastoral relations between himself and the Oak Grove church be dissolved

effective May 15 in order that he may accept a call to the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk for full time service. After the Church had been heard from through its elder, the request was granted.

Rev. Ben L. Rose presented to the Presbytery copies of the Manual of Presbytery as amended by the Ad Interim Committee on revision of the Manual. A motion to adopt the Manual as amended by the Committee was docketed for the Summer Meeting of the Presbytery.

A motion urging members of Presbytery to study the revised manual was adopted. The Moderator announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Leave of absence: W. B. Hood, Wm. Dail and A. W. Gresham.

Place of Next Meeting: B. E. Dotson, James Miller and John A. Clayton.

Resolutions of Thanks: Al G. Harris, Jr., C. E. Dixon and W. C. Scoggins.

Bills and Overtures: J. C. McCann, Percy C. West and C. L. Braddy.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work reported through the Chairman, Rev. S. N. Thomas and minutes of the commission were admitted to record.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

January 20 and 22, 1956

The Commission on the Minister and His Work of Wilmington Presbytery met in the Acme Church on Thursday, January 20, 1956. Members present: Thomas, Kirby, Worth; ex-officio member Taylor. Present by invitation of the Commission Rev. J. Clyde Plexico. The Chairman, Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Presided. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The Chairman read a communication signed by all the Ruling Elders of the Woodburn Church, requesting the resignation of their pastor, Rev. J. Clyde Plexico.

Mr. Plexico expressed surprise over the request and stated that in his judgment he and the Elders were harmonious. When told of some of the criticisms made of him by the Elders, Mr. Plexico had explanations of extenuating circumstances for each criticism. Approximately two hours were spent in discussing the Woodburn Church and the present dissatisfaction.

The Commission adjourned to meet with the Ruling Elders of the Woodburn Church on Saturday, January 22, 1956. The meeting adjourned with prayer.

The Commission met at the Woodburn Church on January 22, 1956 at 8:00 p.m. Present were Thomas, Worth, Kirby, ex-Officio member Taylor. Present by invitation were the Ruling Elders of the Woodburn Church. All elders were present. The meeting was opened with Prayer. More than an hour was spent hearing the different elders express the points of dissatisfaction with their pastor, Rev. J. Clyde Plexico. The Elders were unanimous in the conviction that the best interest of the Woodburn

Church would be served if Mr. Plexico were to resign at once. After some discussion the Elders agreed:

1. To allow Mr. Plexico to remain as pastor until March 1st, 1956.

2. To allow Mr. Plexico to remain in the manse for a reasonable period of time after he ceased to be their pastor.

3. To pay the pastor's salary through the month of March, 1956.

The Ruling Elders of the Woodburn Church were then excused from the meeting and Rev. J. Clyde Plexico was called into the meeting.

The Chairman of the Commission stated to Mr. Plexico that the Commission agreed with the Elders of the church that the best interest of that church would be served if he were to resign. The terms accepted by the Elders were accepted by Mr. Plexico and he agreed to offer his resignation effective March 1, 1956.

The Commission adjourned with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR
Secretary of the Commission

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK
March 8, 1956

The Commission on the Minister and His Work met in the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C., on Thursday, March 8, 1956, at 2:00 p.m. The following members were present: Thomas, Worth, Kirby and ex-officio member Taylor. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman.

The following persons were approved for calls:

Harry Mitchell for Carolina Beach.
Richard Johnson for Woodburn.
Richard Andrews for Myrtle Grove-Oak Grove.
William Smythe for Tabor City-Brunswick.
John Stevenson for Chadbourn, also as Stated Supply at Pages Mill.
John Irvine for McClure Memorial.

L. A. TAYLOR
Secretary

Presbytery recessed for lunch after thanks had been given by Rev. C. W. Worth.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with the singing of the Hymn, "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" and prayer by Rev. B. L. Rose.

The Nominating Committee made its report as follows:

Members of the Camp and Conference Committee as called for in the report of the Committee on Christian Education as follows:

Ministers: M. G. Stimpson, R. L. McBath and H. J. Kaylor, Lay persons: Jack Council, Dr. A. F. Chestnut, Mrs. John Farrior, Mrs. R. H. Holden, Mrs. G. E. Maultsby, Sr., Dallas Herring, C. S. Clark, Luther Powell, W. E. Starnes, Roy Carter, Gerald Carr, J. B. Davis, Jr. And ex-officio: E. D. Witherspoon, W. H. Allison, S. M. Houck, Mrs. W. J. Elkin, L. A. Taylor and one man elected by the Men's council of the Men of the Presbytery.

Rev. R. L. McBath was elected convenor of the committee, and the committee is to elect its own chairman.

Mr. Voit Gilmore, Mayor of Southern Pines, N. C., and Chairman of the Campaign for the Consolidated College, was presented to Presbytery by Dr. Harold J. Dudley. Mr. Gilmore spoke to Presbytery urging complete cooperation in the campaign. The committee for the Campaign in the Presbytery was approved as follows: Chairman, David Henderson, Wallace; Co-chairman, Dallas Herring, Rose Hill; Minister Chairman, Rev. C. L. Kirby; and Special Gifts Chairman, Leslie Boney, Jr. District organizations for the campaign was approved by the Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to write to the Laurinburg Committee expressing the appreciation of Wilmington Presbytery for the courtesy shown in the Meeting on April 10th and assuring the Laurinburg committee and community of our support of the college.

The Standing Committee on Leave of Absence recommended that the following be excused as indicated:

1:30, J. D. Colvin and Rev. J. C. McCann. These were excused.

The Standing Committee on Place of Next Meeting reported an invitation from the Wallace church for the July meeting. The invitation was accepted upon the recommendation of the Committee. The date of the July meeting was set for the 24th so as not to conflict with the meeting of Synod.

The standing committee on Resolutions of Thanks presented its report, which was adopted as follows:

Be it resolved by the Presbytery of Wilmington that we hereby express our gratitude

First: to God for the beauty of the day and for the safety of our journey;

Second: To the Bethany Presbyterian church for their comfortable and beautifully appointed facilities for this meeting of Presbytery;

Third: To the ladies of the Bethany Church for the delicious meal so graciously served to us;

Fourth: To Rev. Samuel M. Houck and the officers of the church for their concern for our needs;

Fifth: To Rev. J. C. McCann for an inspiring sermon; and

Finally, to Ruling Elder E. L. Derrick for graciously and helpfully moderating this meeting of Presbytery. A. G. Harris, Chairman.

Rev. T. O. Bird was designated Moderator Nominee for the July meeting.

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

CALLED MEETING

December 6, 1955

In response to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Wilmington met on Tuesday, December 6, 1955, at 3:30 p.m. in the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C. The meeting led in prayer by Rev. C. W. Worth. Ruling Elder A. E. Gibson, Moderator, presided. The following members were enrolled:

Ministers: N. P. Farrior, J. S. Walkup, H. J. Kaylor, J. S. Crowley, C. C. Myers, S. M. Houck, T. B. Ruff, J. W. Ware, C. L. Kirby, J. B. MacLeod, L. A. Taylor, F. C. Hutcheson, S. N. Thomas, C. W. Worth, M. G. Stimpson, R. L. McBath, E. D. Witherspoon, M. J. McChesney; Churches —Brunswick, R. A. Powell; Wilmington, First, A. E. Gibson.

A quorum was present.

The call for the meeting was read, found in order, and made the docket for the meeting as follows: To dissolve the pastoral relations between Rev. F. C. Hutcheson and the churches of Brunswick and Tabor City and grant to Mr. Hutcheson a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Montgomery.

Mr. Hutcheson stated his request for dismissal. Representatives of the churches reported that the congregations joined in the request with reluctance. Presbytery granted the request, effective December 31, 1955 and authorized the Stated Clerk to send a letter of dismissal to the Stated Clerk of Montgomery Presbytery, and to send a letter of commendation with the dismissal.

Members of the Presbytery spoke warmly of the esteem in which Mr. Hutcheson is held, and the appreciation we have for the good work he has done in our Presbytery.

The Minutes were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. N. Thomas.

S. M. HOUCK
Permanent Clerk

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING

February 7, 1956

The Presbytery of Wilmington met in adjourned session in the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C., on February 7, 1956, at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. C. McCann and was led in the invocation by Rev. R. L. McBath. The following members were enrolled:

J. W. Miller, E. D. Witherspoon, L. A. Taylor, W. H. Goodman, Jr., M. G. Stimpson, R. L. McBath, J. W. Ware, M. J. McChesney, T. B.

Ruff, S. N. Thomas, J. C. McCann, C. L. Kirby, J. F. Clark, C. W. Worth, J. S. Steele, J. A. Marrow, J. B. MacLeod.

The following churches were enrolled by their representatives:

Carolina Beach, William McDonald; Myrtle Grove, Frank LeRay. A quorum was found present.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. J. W. Ware.

Rev. J. W. Ware made a request of Presbytery that the pastoral relations between the churches of Carolina Beach and Myrtle Grove and himself be dissolved and that he be granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of El Paso, Synod of Texas. Ruling Elder Frank LeRay stated that the Myrtle Grove Church joined Mr. Ware in this request with sincere reluctance. Ruling Elder William McDonald stated that the Carolina Beach Church likewise joined Mr. Ware in the request with reluctance. On motion by E. D. Witherspoon, seconded by T. B. Ruff, the Presbytery voted to grant the request and ordered the Stated Clerk to issue the letter of Dismissal. Members of the Presbytery spoke in appreciation of Mr. Ware and his work in terms of warm praise and commendation.

W. H. Goodman, Chairman of the sub-committee on Candidates, presented Mr. William McDonald, a member of the Carolina Beach church, and moved that he be admitted to examination as an applicant to be received under the care of Presbytery as a Candidate for the Ministry. Rev. J. F. Clark conducted the examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry. The examination was sustained and Mr. McDonald was received under the care of the Presbytery. The Moderator propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate, delivered a charge and offered a prayer in his behalf.

Rev. C. W. Worth, Chairman of the sub-committee on Home Missions, made a brief report for the sub-committee and offered the following recommendations to the Presbytery:

1. That the Presbytery authorize the Home Mission Committee to sell the Cape Fear Church property to the best advantage of the Cape Fear Church and at a price not less than $15,000.00.

2. That the proceeds of this sale be turned over to the Building Fund of the Cape Fear Church.

3. That the Trustees of the Presbytery be authorized and directed to negotiate the proper instruments for the transfer of title to this property.

On motion by C. W. Worth, seconded by J. W. Ware, Presbytery adopted the recommendation.

The attention of the Presbytery was called to the action taken recently by the Board of Trustees of the Proposed Consolidated

Presbyterian College, by which the Trustees included Wilmington among the five cities to be considered as the place in which the College will be located. A Resolution was offered by M. G. Stimpson. The recommendation was adopted and is as follows:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

1. That the Presbytery of Wilmington, in adjourned session on February 7, 1956, unanimously and heartily approves the City of Wilmington as being the wisest possible choice of locations for the Proposed Consolidated Presbyterian College and,

2. That the Presbytery goes on record agreeing to support the College to the fullest extent both now and in the future years.

Presbytery, by unanimous vote authorized the Moderator to appoint a Committee to speak for the Presbytery before the Board of Trustees of the Proposed College when the Board meets in Wilmington to further study this location. The Moderator appointed Rev. William Hood, and Rev. Charles W. Worth to speak for the Presbytery.

The Minutes of the meeting were read and adopted. Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. B. Ruff.

L. A. TAYLOR
Stated Clerk

CALLED MEETING

March 8, 1956

A Called Meeting of the Presbytery of Wilmington was held in the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C., on Thursday, March 8, 1956. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by the Moderator, Rev. Jerry C. McCann. The following members of the Presbytery were enrolled:

J. C. Plexico, B. F. Hall, C. L. Kirby, J. B. MacLeod, J. A. Marrow, S. M. Houck, E. D. Witherspoon, W. H. Allison, J. S. Russell, R. L. McBath, H. J. Kaylor, M. G. Stimpson, S. N. Thomas, C. C. Myers, J. C. McCann, L. A. Taylor, B. L. Rose, C. W. Worth, T. B. Ruff. The Woodburn Church enrolled by its representative, Ruling Elder Robert L. Bordeaux.

The meeting was constituted by prayer.

The Call for the meeting was read, found in order and made the docket for the meeting. It is as follows:

1. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. J. Clyde Plexico and the Woodburn Church and grant Mr. Plexico a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Cherokee, Synod of Georgia.

2. Elect a Trustee of Presbytery to succeed the late Walter P. Sprunt.

3. Elect Trustees of Flora Macdonald College to succeed Rev. Jack W. Ware and W. T. McLean.

4. Hear a request from the Committee on Home Missions for permission to borrow funds from the Adam Latta Trust for the purpose of financing the construction of one or perhaps two manses.

Rev. J. Clyde Plexico presented his request for the dissolution of pastoral relations between himself and the Woodburn church. Ruling Elder Robert L. Bordeaux spoke for the congregation and stated that the congregation concurred in the request. The request was granted and the Stated Clerk was authorized to grant a letter of dismissal for Mr. Plexico.

Rev. B. L. Rose, Chairman, gave the report of the Committee on Nominations, nominating R. V. Wells a Trustee of Presbytery. The nomination was seconded and passed. Mr. Rose then gave the report of the Nominating Committee nominating Dr. B. F. Hall to succeed Rev. Jack W. Ware, and Rev. C. L. Kirby to succeed W. T. McLean, as Trustees of Flora Macdonald College. The nominations were seconded and passed.

Rev. C. W. Worth, Chairman, presented the request from the Committee on Home Missions for permission to borrow funds from the Adam Latta Trust for the purpose of financing one or two manses. The request was granted providing that there will be an early consultation with the officers of the church to the end that the officers of the church shall understand that as the church is able it will repay the loan, with the first payment due in not less than five years.

The Trustees of Presbytery were authorized to provide the necessary legal papers for the securing of the loan, giving a first-mortgage on the property as security.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wade H. Allison, after the Minutes had been read and approved.

L. A. TAYLOR
Stated Clerk

DIRECTORY

Moderators: January Meeting Rev. J. C. McCann; April Meeting E. L. Derrick.

Stated Clerk, Executive Secretary, Treasurer: L. A. Taylor.

Permanent Clerk: Reverend Samuel M. Houck.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

James H. Clark, J. Kyle Bannerman, R. V. Wells.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

1958—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, *1956*—Rev. M. C. MacQueen.

TRUSTEES OF FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

1956—Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. J. W. Miller, Mr. J. A. Love, Dr. W. C. Mebane.

1957—Rev. C. W. Worth, Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Rev. C. L. Kirby, Mrs. O. L. Parker.

1958—Dr. B. F. Hall, Dr. L. A. Taylor, E. L. Derrick, D. M. Calhoun.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Chairman; Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Rev. James R. Phipps, Rev. W. H. Allison, Mrs. E. N. Pittman, Mrs. D. D. Clark, James Harris, C. F. Mallard, A. E. Gibson, S. L. Coble, Chevis Kerr, Jr., Leslie N. Boney, Jr.

CHURCH EXTENSION

E. D. Witherspoon, *Chairman*

1956—Robert L. McBath, Rev. Charles W. Worth, L. B. Huie, Mrs. Colwell Smith.

1957—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Dr. Ben L. Rose, Rev. M. J. McChesney, Rev. Norman H. Flowers.

1958—Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr., Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Gardner Edwards.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Home Missions: Rev. Charles W. Worth, Chairman; Rev. Robert L. McBath, Rev. M. J. McChesney, Mrs. Colwell Smith, Fred E. Little, Leslie N. Boney, Jr.

Evangelism: Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Chairman; Dr. Ben L. Rose, Dr. W. C. Mebane, Mrs. E. D. Witherspoon.

Christian Relations: Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, Chairman; Gardner Edwards.

Negro Work: Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Chairman; L. B. Huie.

Radio: Rev. Norman H. Flowers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

S. M. Houck, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Samuel M. Houck, Rev. John S. Walkup, Rev. Jack W. Ware, Mrs. Ash Miller, Algie Sutton.

1957—Rev. Jerry C. McCann, Mrs. M. C. MacQueen, E. L. Derrick, Mrs. W. J. Elkins.
1958—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. Albert G. Harris, Jr., Rev. J. S. Russell, Mrs. J. N. Walker.

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Youth Work: Rev. C. S. McChesney, Chairman.
Pioneer Work: Rev. Albert G. Harris, Chairman.
Young Adult Work: Rev. J. S. Russell, Chairman.
Men's Work: James P. Harris, Chairman.
Leadership Education: Rev. John S. Walkup, Chairman.
Sunday School Superintendent's Association: C. F. Mallard.

WORLD MISSIONS

Rev. N. P. Farrior, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Norman P. Farrior, D. M. Calhoun.
1957—Rev. J. Fitzhugh Clark, E. H. Southerland.
1958—Rev. Reid H. Erwin, C. A. Williams.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

Rev. James R. Phipps, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. James R. Phipps, H. McNair Johnson.
1957—Rev. James A. Marrow, J. G. Dickson.
1958—Rev. Norman H. Flowers, W. M. Dickson.

HOMES

Rev. Jerry C. McCann, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Jerry C. McCann, D. A. Boyette.
1957—Rev. J. S. Russell, E. H. Munroe.
1958—Rev. Alvis M. Daniel, Mrs. P. R. Smith.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Area 1—Rev. B. E. Dotson (56), Rev. Taylor O. Bird (57), Rev. W. B. Hood (58).
Area 2—Rev. Samuel M. Houck (56), Rev. T. B. Ruff (57), Rev. Horace Hilton (58).
Area 3—Rev. F. C. Hutcheson (56), Rev. J. S. Walkup (57), Rev. J. W. Miller (58).

AUDITS

1956—W. E. Perdew, R. C. Platt, Jr., Jordan Sloan.

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Rev. Thomas B. Ruff, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Thomas B. Ruff.
1957—Rev. J. Clyde Plexico.
1958—Rev. Stradford Snively.

ASSEMBLY'S CAUSES
Rev. John S. Steele, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Albert G. Harris.
1957—Rev. John S. Steele.
1958—Rev. James A. Marrow.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
Rev. H. J. Kaylor, *Chairman*

1956—
1957—A. C. Pate.
1958—Rev. Hubert J. Kaylor.

EXAMINATIONS
Dr. Price H. Gwynn, *Chairman*

Theology—1956—Dr. Price H. Gwynn, *1958*—Dr. Ben L. Rose.
Experimental Religion—1956—Rev. B. E. Dotson, *1958*—Rev. P. L. Clark.
Sacraments and Church Government—1957—Rev. J. W. Miller, *1958*—
English Bible—1956—Rev. James A. Marrow, *1958*—Dr. E. D. Witherspoon.
Academic Studies—1957—Rev. Neill G. Stevens, *1958*—Rev. J. C. McCann.

NOMINATIONS
Dr. Ben L. Rose, *Chairman*

1956—Dr. Ben L. Rose, Dr. B. Frank Hall, Rev. Joseph B. MacLeod, C. S. Clark, George L. Mitchell.

COMMISSION ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK
Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, *Chairman*

1956—Rev. Charles W. Worth, Dr. W. C. Mebane.
1957—Rev. J. W. Miller, Rufus Marks.
1958—Rev. Samuel N. Thomas, Rev. Charles L. Kirby.

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Beulaville	R. V. Cupp Beulaville, N. C.	C. D. Pate Beulaville, N. C.	Same
Black River	E. W. Reeves Ivanhoe, N. C.	Williams Corbett Ivanhoe, N. C.	Same
Bladenboro	J. F. Davis Bladenboro, N. C.	Mrs. E. L. Edwards Bladenboro, N. C.	Same
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Hallsville	W. L. Miller	Beulaville, N. C.
Harmony	Hays Anders	RFD, Ivanhoe, N. C.
Harper-Southerland	J. B. Southerland	Albertson, N. C.
Hebron		
Holly Grove	Randolph Price	Route 2, Clinton, N. C.
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Mt. Zion	Gerald Carr	Rose Hill, N. C.
Myrtle Grove	Harold Russ	2714 Harrison St., Wilmington, N. C.
New Hope	W. A. Kopp	Bolivia, N. C.
Oakdale	Robert Dunn	White Oak, N. C.
Oak Grove	C. D. Parker	3828 South Front St., Wilmington, N. C.
Oak Plains	Joseph Newkirk	Magnolia, N. C.
Page's Mill—		
Pearsall Memorial	H. V. Chason	2802 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, N. C.
Pike	G. K. Hewett	Rocky Point, N. C.
Pineland	Hubert F. Parker	RFD, Jacksonville, N. C.
Pink Hill	Graham Turner	Pink Hill, N. C.
Pleasant View	Lawrence Mewborn	Albertson, N. C.
Pollocksville	F. T. Bender	Pollocksville, N. C.
Potts Memorial	W. M. Murphy	Willard, N. C.
Rockfish	M. W. Turner	Teachey, N. C.
Rocky Point—		
St. Andrews-Covenant	W. L. Sheffield, Jr.	227 North 22nd Street, Wilmington, N. C.
Smiths	Thomas Harold Quinn	Pink Hill, N. C.
Southport—		
South River—		
Stafford Memorial	Leon Lamb	Garland, N. C.
Stanford	Boyden Roberts	Route 2, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Tabor City	O. D. Garrell	Tabor City, N. C.
Teachey	David Wells	Teachey, N. C.
Topsail	J. F. Howard	Hampstead, N. C.
Trinity	David O'Neil	3 Azalea Court, Havelock, N. C.
Wallace	Roy Carter	Wallace, N. C.
Warsaw	B. C. Sheffield	Warsaw, N. C.
Westminister (Whiteville)	Lloyd Batten	Whiteville, N. C.
Westminister (Wilmington)	E. W. Thompson	313 Red Cross Street, Wilmington, N. C.
White Plains	Harold Priest	Route 1, Council, N. C.
Whiteville, First	R. O. High	Whiteville, N. C.
Wildwood	Roy T. Dickinson	Wildwood, N. C.
Willard	Charles McGowen	Willard, N. C.
Wilmington, First	William J. Boney	1106 Magnolia Place, Wilmington, N. C.
Winter Park	David Banner	4631 Long Leaf Hills Drive, Wilmington, N. C.
Woodburn	William C. Smith	Leland, N. C.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Acme	C. A. Cocke	Acme, N. C.
Antioch	Royden Caulk	Route 1, Jacksonville, N. C.
Ashwood	Paul Campbell	Council, N. C.
Baker	H. Jordan Dail	Route 4, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Bethany	D. R. Murray	333 Castle Hayne Road, Wilmington, N. C.
Beth Car	A. H. Singletary	Tar Heel, N. C.
Bethel	Cicero Lanier	Beulaville, N. C.
Beulaville	J. G. Kennedy	Beulaville, N. C.
Black River	John Corbett	Ivanhoe, N. C.
Bladenboro	Mrs. E. L. Edwards	Bladenboro, N. C.
Bowden Community	Archer Williams	RFD, Faison, N. C.
Brunswick	R. A. Powell	Brunswick, N. C.
Burgaw	C. F. Mallard, Jr.	Burgaw, N. C.
Calypso	S. D. Davis, Jr.	Calypso, N. C.
Cape Fear	Lester C. Thorpe	3020 Jefferson St., Wilmington, N. C.
Carolina Beach	C. H. Beery	Route 2, Box 283, Wilmington, N. C.
Caswell	Wilbur Woodcock	Atkinson, N. C.
Chadbourn	H. G. McQueen	Chadbourn, N. C.
Chapel on the Boardwalk	G. W. Graves	Wrightsville Beach, N. C.
Chinquapin	James F. Futreal	Chinquapin, N. C.
Clarkton	Luther C. Clark	Clarkton, N. C.
Croatan	Philip Williams	Route 4, New Bern, N. C.
Currie	M. N. Richards	Currie, N. C.
Delgado	Charles Wallace	1917 Lingo Avenue, Wilmington, N. C.
Elizabethtown	H. C. Clark	Elizabethtown, N. C.
Elkton	Worth Bagley Elkins	Route 1, Clarkton, N. C.
Faison	William Thompson	Faison, N. C.
Graves Memorial	Dr. Wilbert Jackson	Clinton, N. C.
Grove	G. Sam Hodges	Kenansville, N. C.
Hallsville	W. L. Miller	Beulaville, N. C.
Harmony	J. N. Harrell	Kerr Station, Harrells, N. C.
Harper-Southerland	James B. Southerland	Albertson, N. C.
Hebron		
Holly Grove	Joseph Hudson	Route 2, Clinton, N. C.
Hopewell	J. S. Newkirk	RFD, Watha, N. C.
Immanuel	Herbert J. Farrar	1521 South Fifth Street, Wilmington, N. C.
Jacksonville, First	H. S. Wiggins	102 Keller Court, Jacksonville, N. C.
Lake Waccamaw	Martin F. Fox	Lake Waccamaw, N. C.
Maple Hill		
McClure Memorial	A. F. Wells	Castle Hayne, N. C.
Morehead City, First	Dr. A. F. Chestnut	2104 Arendell, Morehead City, N. C.

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Mt. Horeb	Clark Allen	Route 1, Clarkton, N. C.
Mt. Olive	John N. Walker	E. Station Street Ext., Mt. Olive, N. C.
Mt. Williams—		
Mt. Zion	R. S. Troy	Rose Hill, N. C.
Myrtle Grove	Ted Rivenbark	Route 2, Box 404 AA, Wilmington, N. C.
New Hope	T. E. Rabon	Winnabow, N. C.
Oakdale	Jennings Davis	White Oak, N. C.
Oak Grove	J. W. Vogels	Route 2, Box 440 Wilmington, N. C.
Oak Plains—		
Page's Mill—		
Pearsall Memorial	E. Dan James	3825 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C.
Pike	Wiley Batson	Burgaw, N. C.
Pineland	Charles R. Rawls	RFD, Maple Hill, N. C.
Pink Hill	J. K. Smith	Pink Hill, N. C.
Pleasant View	Robert Grady	Albertson, N. C.
Pollocksville	J. Virgil Bender	Pollocksville, N. C.
Potts Memorial	B. G. Fussell	Willard, N. C.
Rockfish	Robert Salmon	Wallace, N. C.
Rocky Point	D. L. Wells	RFD, Rocky Point, N. C.
St. Andrews-Covenant	A. W. Blount	2826 Columbia Avenue, Wilmington, N. C.
Smiths	Ray Smith	Pink Hill, N. C.
Southport	Harold F. Aldridge	Box 312, Southport, N. C.
South River—		
Stafford Memorial	L. A. Warren	Garland, N. C.
Stanford	Elbert Vernon	Warsaw, N. C.
Tabor City	J. A. Hufham, Jr.	Tabor City, N. C.
Teachey	Herbert Tucker	Teachey, N. C.
Topsail	H. D. Howard	Hampstead, N. C.
Trinity	S. Clyde Baker	P. O. Box 662, Havelock, N. C.
Wallace	Joseph W. Bland	Wallace, N. C.
Warsaw	Walker McNeil	Warsaw, N. C.
Westminister (Whiteville)	C. C. Stopel	Whiteville, N. C.
Westminister (Wilmington)	J. L. Gorman	Box 578, Kerr Avenue, Wilmington, N. C.
White Plains	Ed. S. Dennis	Clarkton, N. C.
Whiteville, First	Monteith Powell	Whiteville, N. C.
Wildwood	J. G. Murdoch, Sr.	Wildwood, N. C.
Willard	Charles McGowen	Willard, N. C.
Wilmington, First	John D. Taylor	1207 Fairway Drive, Wilmington, N. C.
Winter Park	Allen Lanier	210 Page Avenue, Wilmington, N. C.
Woodburn	George Ganey, Jr.	Leland, N. C.

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 1955

Ministers Ordained:

Alvis M. Daniels	July 17, 1955
Reid H. Erwin	July 31, 1955
Stradford T. Snively	July 31, 1955

Ministers Installed:

Dr. Ben L. Rose	February 27, 1955
Albert G. Harris	March 6, 1955
Alvis M. Daniels	July 17, 1955
Stradford T. Snively	July 31, 1955
Reid H. Erwin	July 31, 1955
James R. Phipps	October 2, 1955
James W. McGinnis	December 4, 1955

Pastoral Relations Dissolved:

Leslie C. Tucker	September 9, 1955
Fletcher C. Hutcheson	December 31, 1955

Ministers Deceased:

George B. Williams	March 31, 1955

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 1955

Ministers on the Roll	52
Elders on the Roll	525
Deacons on the Roll	623
Communicants	12,642
Added on Profession of Faith	449
Added on Certificate	770
Ministers Ordained	3
Ministers Deceased	1
Pastoral Relations Dissolved	2
Pastoral Installations	8
Contributions to Benevolences	$166,125
Contributions to Current Expenses	417,343
Contributions to Building Funds	203,309
Total all Contributions	$786,777
Per Capita Gifts to Benevolences	$ 13.14
Per Capita Total Gifts	$ 62.23

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MINISTERS	POST OFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers		Communicants				Baptis
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Profession	Added on Certificate	Losses	Communicants	Adult
Wade H. Allison, P	Rose Hill, N. C.	Mt. Zion*	9	11	2	11	10	220	1
Taylor O. Bird, P	Faison, N. C.	Faison*	6	8	3	2	2	196	3
Taylor O. Bird, P	Calypso, N. C.	Calypso	7	8	1	1	2	124	1
Taylor O. Bird, P	RFD, Mt. Olive, N. C.	Stanford	6	6	20	6	5	138	20
E. B. Carr, H.R.	RFD, Wallace, N. C.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Fitzhugh Clark, P	Rocky Point, N. C.	Rocky Point*	4	5	1	3	3	89	1
J. Fitzhugh Clark, P	Currie, N. C.	Currie	4	4	0	0	0	42	0
J. Fitzhugh Clark, P	RFD, Burgaw, N. C.	Pike	5	4	0	2	3	61	0
P. L. Clark, S.S.	Burgaw, N. C.	Mt. Williams	1	2	0	2	0	33	0
P. L. Clark, S.S.	Maple Hill, N. C.	Maple Hill	2	1	0	0	0	27	0
J. S. Crowley, H.R.	Wilmington, N. C.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alvis M. Daniel, P	Wildwood, N. C.	Wildwood*	7	8	5	3	2	96	5
B. E. Dotson, P	Mount Olive, N. C.	Mount Olive*	10	12	9	7	52	301	0
B. E. Dotson, P	RFD, Mount Olive, N. C.	Baker	4	2	0	2	0	60	0
Reid H. Erwin, P	Chinquapin, N. C.	Bethel*	8	10	17	6	2	204	17
John L. Fairly, D.D., Sec.	Richmond 9, Virginia		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. P. Farrior, P	Pink Hill, N. C.	Pink Hill*	4	10	0	0	3	85	0
N. P. Farrior, P	RFD, Pink Hill, N. C.	Smith	6	7	4	1	2	92	4
N. P. Farrior, P	RFD, Pink Hill, N. C.	Hebron	2	0	0	0	2	13	0
N. P. Farrior, P	Albertson, N. C.	Pleasant View	4	3	0	0	3	64	0
N. P. Farrior, P	RFD, Albertson, N. C.	Harper-Southerland	2	3	6	1	9	37	5
Norman H. Flowers, P	Warsaw, N. C.	Warsaw*	6	15	11	10	4	202	7
Norman H. Flowers, P	Bowden, N. C.	Bowden Community	4	6	2	0	2	43	2
Walter H. Goodman, Jr., P	Beulaville, N. C.	Beulaville*	5	8	6	6	16	103	6
Walter H. Goodman, Jr., S.S.	RFD, Jacksonville, N. C.	Antioch	5	3	8	1	1	57	8
Price H. Gwynn, PH.D., Dean	Red Springs, N. C.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. Frank Hall, Th.M., Th.D., D.D.	Wrightsville Beach, N. C.	Pearsall Memorial*	15	17	9	27	14	358	7
Albert Grady Harris, Jr., P	Morehead City, N. C.	Morehead City, First*	8	9	17	29	25	202	9
Horace H. Hilton, P	Wilmington, N. C.	Winter Park*	8	15	22	48	14	401	22
William B. Hood, P	Wallace, N. C.	Wallace*	12	12	11	15	24	412	5
Samuel M. Houck, Th.M., P	Wilmington, N. C.	Bethany*	8	9	7	23	11	212	0
Samuel M. Houck, Th.M., S.S.	Castle Hayne, N. C.	McClure Memorial	4	8	9	4	6	125	4

MINUTES OF

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

STATED SESSIONS

195th

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wallace, N. C.

JULY 24, 1956

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POTTS MEMORIAL CHURCH

Penderlea, N. C.

OCTOBER 16th, 1956

CALLED MEETINGS

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MAY 14, 1956
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MINISTERS

(Listed in the order in which they were received)

1—P. L. Clark
2—J. L. Fairly
3—C. C. Myers
4—D. L. Williamson (F.M.)
5—J. W. Miller
6—J. S. Crowley (H.R.)
7—M. C. MacQueen
8—E. B. Carr (H.R.)
9—B. E. Dotson
10—N. P. Farrior
11—W. H. Allison
12—F. M. Thompson (H.R.)
13—E. D. Witherspoon
14—L. A. Taylor
15—W. B. Hood
16—F. W. Lewis (H.R.)
17—W. H. Goodman, Jr.
18—B. F. Hall
19—Neill G. Stevens
20—W. F. F. Little
21—M. J. McChesney
22—P. H. Gwynn
23—T. B. Ruff
24—Preston C. Oliver
25—S. N. Thomas
26—J. C. McCann
27—H. J. Kaylor
28—N. H. Flowers
29—L. C. Moore (F.M.)
30—C. L. Kirby
31—J. F. Clark
32—C. W. Worth
33—J. S. Steele
34—J. S. Walkup
35—H. H. Hilton
36—J. A. Marrow
37—J. B. MacLeod
38—J. S. Russell
39—C. S. McChesney
40—B. L. Rose
41—A. G. Harris, Jr.
42—A. M. Daniel
43—R. H. Erwin
44—S. T. Snively
45—J. R. Phipps
46—J. W. McGinnis
47—H. B. Mitchell
48—R. K. Johnson
49—J. K. Stevenson
50—R. S. Andrews
51—E. G. Connette, Jr.
52—J. M. Irvine
53—R. J. Wilkins

CHURCHES

Name, Year Organized

Acme, 1892
Antioch, 1925
Ashwood, 1922
Baker, 1934
Bethany, 1944
Beth Carr, 1819
Bethel, 1924
Beulaville, 1917
Black River, 1740
Bladenboro, 1889
Bowden, 1905
Brunswick, 1947
Burgaw, 1879
Calypso, 1903
Cape Fear, 1944
Carolina Beach, 1943
Caswell, 1858
Chadbourn, 1897
Chapel on Boardwalk, 1952
Chinquapin, 1884
Clarkton, 1795
Croatan, 1884
Currie, 1914
Delgado, 1916
Elizabethtown, 1834
Elkton, 1917
Faison, 1857
Graves Mem., 1838
Grove, 1736
Hallsville, 1900
Harmony, 1887
Harper-South'd, 1945
Hebron, 1886
Holly Grove, 1914
Hopewell, 1800
Immanuel, 1895
Jacksonville, 1911
Lake Waccamaw, 1921
Maple Hill, 1887
McClure Mem., 1940
Mt. Horeb, 1843
Mt. Olive, 1878
Mt. Williams, 1845
Mt. Zion, 1858
Myrtle Grove, 1944
New Hope, 1889
Oakdale, 1933
Oak Grove, 1952
Oak Plains, 1859
Page's Mill, 1946
Pearsall Mem., 1914
Pike, 1856
Pineland, 1953
Pink Hill, 1917
Pleasant View, 1924
Pollocksville, 1868
Potts Mem., 1945
Rockfish, 1756
Rocky Point, 1922
St. Andrews, 1858
Ch. of Covenant, 1918
Merged—1944
Smith, 1895
Southport, 1902
South River, 1796
Stanford, 1892
Stafford Mem., 1951
Tabor City, 1944
Teachey, 1902
Topsail, 1871
Trinity, 1954
Wallace, 1884
Warsaw, 1884
Webb Mem., 1929
Westminster, 1920
Westminster (Wilmington), 1954
White Plains, 1850
Whiteville First, 1869
Wildwood, 1898
Willard, 1915
Wilmington First, 1817
Winter Park, 1913
Woodburn, 1924

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Richard Bethune, Wilbur Boice, Eugene Davis, Clifton Dixon, Archie Faires, Lucius Gray, William McDonald, Adolf Otersen, Timothy Outlaw, Eugene Witherspoon, Perry Robinson.

STATED SESSION

The 195th Stated Session of the Presbytery of Wilmington convened at the Wallace Presbyterian Church, Wallace, N. C., Tuesday, July 24, 1956 at 10:00 A.M. The opening worship was conducted by the Moderator, Ruling Elder E. L. Derrick, who also preached the sermon using as his text: Acts 28:14.

Presbytery observed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Rev. J. R. Phipps and Rev. Harry Mitchell presiding at the table.

Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The following were enrolled:

Ministers: W. H. Allison, P. L. Clark, J. S. Crowley, A. M. Daniel, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, N. H. Flowers, W. H. Goodman, Jr., A. G. Harris, Jr., H. H. Hilton, W. B. Hood, S. M. Houck, H. J. Kaylor, C. L. Kirby, W. F. F. Little, J. B. MacLeod, M. C. MacQueen, R. L. McBath, J. C. McCann, J. W. McGinnis, C. S. McChesney, C. C. Myers, J. R. Phipps, B. L. Rose, T. B. Ruff, J. S. Russell, J. S. Steele, S. T. Snively, M. G. Stimpson, L. A. Taylor, E. D. Witherspoon, C. W. Worth, Harry Mitchell, John Irvine, R. S. Andrews and Richard Johnson.

The following churches were enrolled by representatives:

Antioch, Royden Caulk, Jr.; Baker, Granger Tadlock; Bethany, J. A. Sloan; Bethel, Cicero Lanier; Beulaville, Gardner Edwards; Black River, G. E. Fisler; Bladenboro, J. B. Chandler; Burgaw, L. R. Bradshaw; Caswell, Graham Shaw; Carolina Beach, C. T. Strickland; Chadbourn, E. L. Derrick; Chapel on the Boardwalk, McRae Root; Chinquapin, John Hollingsworth; Elizabethtown, W. M. Flournoy; Graves Memorial, H. S. Kimrey; Grove, S. L. Ferrell; Hallsville, J. D. Evans; Harmony, J. T. Carr; Hopewell, J. B. Davis, Sr.; Jacksonville, F. S. Wilson; Mt. Olive, Tom McGee; Mt. Horeb, Clark Allen; Mt. Zion, Frank Blanchard; Oak Grove, J. W. Vogels; Oak Plains, D. D. Williams; Pearsall Memorial, R. J. Innis; Pineland, Troy King; Pollocksville, John H. Bender; Potts Memorial, T. S. Cannady; Rockfish, A. C. Hall; St. Andrews-Covenant, J. C. Birmingham; Smiths, J. R. Thomas; Southport, Harold Aldridge; Stafford Memorial, L. A. Warren, Sr.; Stanford, H. L. Brogden; Teachey, B. F. Brinkley; Topsail, Harold D. Howard; Trinity, Otto M. Moore; Wallace, Luther Powell; Warsaw, J. P. Harmon; Morehead City, H. L. Joslyn; Westminster (Whiteville), H. M. Leamon; Wildwood, R. W. Davis; Willard, C. T. Carr; Wilmington, First, J. S. McKenzie; Winter Park, R. L. Mason; Woodburn, Roy Martin.

A quorum was present.

W. G. Houck, Business Manager of the St. Andrews-Covenant Church and Mr. John B. Davis were introduced by their respective pastors and welcomed to the Presbytery as visitors.

Ruling elders attending Presbytery from their Sessions for the first time were introduced by their respective pastors and welcomed to the Presbytery.

The Rev. J. S. Russell, moderator nominee, was elected moderator.

The following communications were read:

From Dr. Ben L. Rose requesting that the pastoral relations between himself and the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington be dissolved and that he be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery as a professor in the Union Theological Seminary . . . after the Church was heard from through the ruling elder present, indicating that it concurred in this request, the Presbytery dissolved the Pastoral relationship and granted Dr. Rose permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery. From Rev. N. H. Flowers regarding a leadership training school to be held in Rose Hill, November 5-9 . . . referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

Certificates of dismissal for candidates to be received by Presbytery were referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Rev. W. B. Hood, Pastor of the host church, welcomed Presbytery and made necessary announcements.

The Presbytery adopted a docket prepared by the Stated Clerk.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

Leave of Absence: Rev. A. G. Harris, Jr., Chairman. Ruling Elders Frank Blanchard and Troy King.

Place of Next Meeting: Rev. C. L. Kirby, Ruling Elders Clark Allen and J. F. Carr.

Resolutions of Thanks: Rev. Alvis Daniel, Hardin Kimrey and R. W. Davis.

The Committee on Higher Education was excused that it might meet.

Rev. J. S. Steele reported for the Committee on Special Causes and the report was received as information.

Rev. Samuel M. Houck reported as Chairman of the Council of Presbytery. The report with its recommendations was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
JULY, 1956

The Council of the Presbytery has met twice during the past year. We have sought to carry out the responsibilities laid upon us by the Manual of Presbytery to the best of our ability.

In reviewing the records of the past year we are glad that God has blessed the work of our Presbytery in all phases of its activities. In church buildings, in worship services, in educational programs our churches have moved forward. Our record last year in evangelism was also a cause of rejoicing. We are grateful to God for these evidences of His favor upon our work.

But we are not complacent, for we realize that there are yet unclaimed areas of the life of the Presbyterians in this Presbytery; areas which could make great contribution to the cause of Christ if thoroughly committed. In view of the fact that this is the year of emphasis in the "Forward With Christ" program, we especially call to your attention our failures in the stewardship of possessions.

One way of discovering our status in this matter is by comparison with other Presbyterians in our General Assembly. In our per capita giving we ranked 74th among the 85 Presbyteries in 1955. The average per capita

giving in the General Assembly was a bit over $100.00 per person, in our Presbytery the average was slightly above $62.00 per person. In the Synod of N. C., the average giving per capita was $77.00 per person, in our Presbytery $15.00 less than the average for the Synod as a whole.

As one means of combatting this lack on our part, we held last year an Every Church Canvass in our Presbytery. Teams of men, specially trained for the task visited in over 75% of our churches, presenting the benevolent program of the church. It is hoped that some good effects of this Every Church Canvass will be reflected in the giving to the church this year. The Council hopes to continue that program this fall.

As another means of doing something about this evident failure to give as God has prospered us, your Council would call to your attention two fallacies which we feel may be prevalent in our Presbytery.

One of these is the mistaken idea that the benevolence budgets of the General Assembly, the Synod and the Presbytery are just some figures that are snatched from the air, and have no real relation either to the needs of the program nor to the ongoing of the Kingdom of Christ. We would assure you that this idea is not true. These budgets are minimum askings for the agencies of our church on the level of the General Assembly, the Synod and the Presbytery. They are "hold the line" budgets, not "Forward With Christ" budgets.

The Council of the General Assembly, of the Synod and of the Presbytery carefully consider each item in these budgets of the respective church courts. The Council of the General Assembly approved budgets for Assembly's Agencies which totalled $700,000.00 less than was asked for the agencies. The Council of Synod approved a budget that was $45,-000.00 less than asked for. These budgets are not padded. They are rock bottom budgets if the program of the church is to be carried on as Presbyterians would want it to be.

A second fallacy, which we fear is widespread, is that the Kingdom enterprise can be financed by pressure or project giving. Pressure giving is that in which the person who gives does so because he can't afford not to give something. He gives just enough to remain respectable. We believe also that project giving is less than Christian Stewardship. Project giving is that which comes through an appeal for some special project . . . e.g., a building program, support of some cause worthy in itself, but without relation to a total program of the church, etc. While we would not desire to cut off support for any worthy cause, we affirm our belief that project giving is not the highest form of Christian Stewardship.

We would also affirm our confidence that the Kingdom of God can be adequately and fully financed through stewardship which is based upon principles, principles which are theologically based and oriented. Ministers, Ruling Elders, Boards of Deacons need to be constantly reminded, and need to be constantly reminding the people of their congregations that giving is based upon the principle of redemption. We were sinners, without hope save in the sovereign mercy of God. As sinners, God saw us rescued from the power and penalty of our sin, saved us by his grace to a life of usefulness in His kingdom. What is that redemption worth? Here is the first principle of being a Christian Steward . . . He loved me and gave Himself for me.

Again there is the principle which is set forth in the doctrine of creation. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the sea and they that dwell therein. The silver and the gold, the cattle upon a thousand hills, these too are the Lord's. He owns, we only tenant for a little while that which is God's. And this too: We are his. Not only the earth, but we ourselves are the creatures of His hand. "In Him we live and move and

have our being." He is the fountain out of which we have sprung. Our stewardship rests upon the abiding principle that we are the Lord's . . . whether in obedience and glad fellowship or in disobedience and rebellion. We are God's.

Again we may consider our stewardship upon the basis of our loyalty to the cause of Christ whose we are and whom we serve. In His life and death and rising again, Jesus Christ brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Those who have never heard the Word of Life as it is proclaimed in Christ die in sin. He gave commission to His church to tell the story until all should believe. We are that church. That commission is our commission. The church, for which Christ gave his life, languishes and shamefully faces a world of great opportunity with its resources at a low ebb . . . waiting for us to give as God has given to us.

Because of the redemption which we have, the forgiveness of our sins through Christ, because of the Doctrine of Creation which relates all of life to God and because of the loyalty which we have toward the cause of Christ, we must put our stewardship on the basis of our faith, not on the basis of our feelings.

Further, we would remind the members of our churches, one and all of the guide for giving which is given to us in the Scriptures. Two guides are laid down for us in the Covenant of God with his people. One is the principle of one day in seven for worship and the recreation of our life. The other is the tenth of our increase in material things for the support of the Kingdom. In the Old Testament it is as if God were saying to the people of Israel: "I have chosen you and it is my intention to make you a great nation, rich and prosperous. In return for these blessings my requirements are that you keep my sabbath and that you tithe." Israel did neither and Israel suffered.

In the New Testament we are face to face with the grace and truth that came through Jesus Christ. Now the law is fulfilled, and we see the matchless favor of God which promises us all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Now our standard of giving is not the legalism of the Old Testament tithe, but the standard of the love of God in Christ. But this grace of God is not received in all its glory until in our response to it we accept responsibility, until we report for duty saying, "Here am I, Lord, What wilt thou have me to do?" Surely in this day of opportunity, with a battle cry of "Forward With Christ" in our church, we ought to reaffirm our loyalty to the guides God has given us. And we ought to fulfill our stewardship on the basis of the principles which are a vital part of our Christian faith.

We do not practice Christian stewardship and we are poverty stricken. Let us here and now covenant with our Redeemer and Lord that we shall seek to be good stewards of all His mercies to the end that His Kingdom shall come sooner and His will be done among men.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery accept the apportionment for General Assembly benevolences in the amount of $90,082.00.
2. That Presbytery accept the apportionment for Synod's Benevolences in the amount of $60,722.00.
3. That Presbytery adopt a budget for Presbytery benevolences in the amount of $63,077.00. This is to be broken down as follows:

Church Extension	$44,827.00
Christian Education	750.00
Camp Committee	3,000.00
Presbytery Office	14,500.00

4. That the Stewardship Committee of Presbytery be authorized to work out the percentages to be assigned to each item in the budget when these percentages are received from Synod's office.
5. That this budget be apportioned to the churches using the formula of ⅓ on the basis of membership, ⅓ on the basis of average benevolent giving over the past three years and ⅓ on the basis of total average giving over the past three years excluding building expenses.
6. That it be specifically remembered by Sessions and Boards of Deacons that this is a minimum budget.
7. That an Every Member canvass be held in each church this fall and that Presbytery commend to all churches the effectiveness of the Pre-Budget canvass in presenting the program of the church to the membership.
8. That the film slide, "This Is Your Church" be commended to churches for use in preparing the congregations for the Every Member Canvass. This slide may be booked for use through the office of Presbytery.
9. That the Presbytery again affirm its participation in the "Forward With Christ" program, and that all sessions be urged to study their own church program with a view to going "Forward With Christ in Stewardship" in 1957.
10. That Presbytery adopt a minimum income of $4,000.00 for each minister in the Presbytery, as recommended by the Synod of N. C.
11. That the Committee on Annuities and Relief in the Presbytery be urged to promote the Hospital plan of the General Assembly's Board of Annuities and Relief within the bounds of our Presbytery.
12. That Presbytery approve an appropriation of $800.00 from the Contingent Fund of Presbytery to the Camp Committee for the beginning of development of the Camp and Conference Centre.
13. That Presbytery approve an Every Church Canvass this fall under guidance of the Stewardship Committee of the Council and that the cost of this canvass be paid from Presbytery's Contingent Fund.
14. That Presbytery approve a request from the Committee on World Missions for funds to defray expenses from the Contingent Fund of a speaker for the January meeting of Presbytery, and that the committee be requested to suggest to the retiring Moderator that this guest speaker preach the opening sermon at the January meeting of the Presbytery.
15. That the salary of the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery be raised as of January 1, 1957 to $6,000.00.
16. That this report be sent to every pastor and Clerk of Session of vacant churches with the request that it be studied by all Sessions and Boards of Deacons before the Every Member Canvass.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL M. HOUCK

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

Benevolence Budget For The Year 1957

World Missions	$45,320.00	22.1%
Church Extension	19,655.00	9.6%
Christian Education	7,513.00	3.7%
Annuities and Relief	5,720.00	2.7%
General Fund Agencies	11,566.00	5.6%
Inter-Church Agencies	306.00	.2%
Total Assembly Causes:	$90,080.00	43.9%

Church Extension	$ 4,994.00	2.4%
Christian Education	3,423.00	1.7%
Educational Institutions	27,488.00	13.3%
Campus Christian Life	2,921.00	1.4%
Orphan's Home (regular)	5,808.00	2.8%
Presbyterian Home (regular)	2,323.00	1.1%
Office of the Synod	5,093.00	2.5%
Inter-Church Agencies	155.00	.1%
*Orphan's Home (special)	7,743.00	
*Presbyterian Home (special)	774.00	
Total Synod Causes:	$60,722.00	25.3%
Church Extension	$44,827.00	21.8%
Christian Education	750.00	.4%
Camp and Conference Centre	3,000.00	1.5%
Office of the Presbytery	14,500.00	7.1%
Total Presbytery Causes:	$63,077.00	30.8%

*Both the Orphan's Home and the Presbyterian Home receive special offerings. These special offerings are expected to total the above figures.

THESE ASKINGS WERE COMPUTED AS FOLLOWS:

One Third on the basis of the average contributions to benevolences for the past three years.

One Third on the basis of the average total contributions, less building expenses, for the past three years.

One Third on the basis of the membership of the church at the end of the year 1955.

Name of Church	*Askings*	*Name of Church*	*Askings*
Acme	$1,353.60	Graves Memorial	$8,847.46
Antioch	634.31	Grove	1,464.64
Ashwood	327.54	Hallsville	1,386.63
Baker	727.04	Harmony	917.84
Bethany	2,335.38	Harper-Southerland	320.40
Beth Car	1,034.74	Hebron	88.12
Bethel	1,830.21	Holly Grove	886.18
Beulaville	1,362.34	Hopewell	1,148.99
Black River	1,220.24	Immanuel	5,236.68
Bladenboro	395.07	Jacksonville	6,327.30
Bowden	444.59	Lake Waccamaw	1,395.02
Brunswick	737.25	Maple Hill	252.62
Burgaw	3,055.87	McClure Memorial	1,715.95
Calypso	1,721.75	Mt. Horeb	802.66
Cape Fear	2,026.25	Mt. Olive	4,783.89
Carolina Beach	2,640.28	Mt. Williams	282.03
Caswell	1,668.38	Mt. Zion	4,620.24
Chadbourn	3,123.42	Morehead City	3,597.50
Chapel on the Boardwalk	1,824.09	Myrtle Grove	1,858.61
Chinquapin	1,323.86	New Hope	951.97
Clarkton	6,298.44	Oakdale	339.55
Croatan	327.02	Oak Grove	1,113.49
Currie	400.21	Oak Plains	802.16
Delgado	1,850.32	Pages Mill	198.84
Elizabethtown	5,662.41	Pearsall Memorial	5,573.41
Elkton	403.89	Pike	689.38
Faison	2,454.02	Pineland	402.81

Name of Church	*Askings*	*Name of Church*	*Askings*
Pink Hill	$ 977.62	Wallace	$ 6,669.81
Pleasant View	649.36	Warsaw	3,693.46
Pollocksville	1,636.87	Westminster (Whiteville)	5,534.86
Potts Memorial	1,780.29	Westminster (Wilmington)	2,916.47
Rockfish	2,484.50	White Plains	659.12
Rocky Point	965.74	Whiteville, First	5,819.86
St. Andrews-Covenant	29,814.52	Wildwood	1,364.71
Smith	755.40	Wilmington, First	28,063.28
Southport	715.69	Winter Park	5,419.94
Stafford	874.65	Willard	637.97
Stanford	1,163.70	Woodburn	1,864.04
Tabor City	938.54	South River	206.72
Teachey	1,420.99	TOTAL	$213,881.24
Topsail	1,430.80		
Trinity	2,235.44		

Rev. M. G. Stimpson presented the report for the Committee on Christian Relations which was adopted as follows:

THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN RELATIONS OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT TO WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

The attention of Wilmington Presbytery is called to the fact that 1957 is the year of emphasis on CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP throughout the General Assembly; and that the month of *January* is designated as the time of special study of CHRISTIAN RELATIONS and the month of *July* for the study of CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP.

The following recommendations adopted by the General Assembly in June are hereby presented to Wilmington Presbytery for adoption:

1. That Overture 46 from Lexington Presbytery to the 1955 General Assembly, reading as follows: "That the General Assembly go on record as opposing: (a) beer and liquor advertising on radio and television, and in newspapers and magazines; (b) the type of program presented on radio and television which exalts the criminal as hero; and (c) the publishing and distribution of horror-sex-crime stories and pictures in so-called comic books," be answered as follows: A. That the General Assembly go on record as deploring (a) the wide advertising of beer and liquor through the channel of radio and television, newspapers and magazines; (b) the publishing and distributing of horror-sex-crime stories in format. B. That church members be urged to use their influence in the local community to arouse sentiment against such advertisements and publications, both through group and individual channels, and to protest to the agencies which promote such practices.

2. That the report of the Council on Christian Relations to the General Assembly, entitled, "The Church's Relationship to Community Delinquency Problems," . . . be commended for study . . . among the churches.

3. That all churches in the General Assembly make use of the month of January for informing members of the scope of Christian Relations and emphasizing the relevance of Christian attitudes and actions to Christian profession and living.

4. That in their planning for 1957 the session of each church make provision for observing through study programs and plans affecting community life the special emphasis of "Christian Citizenship."

5. Church leaders, both ministers and laymen, and church members generally are called upon to accept their responsibility as Christian citizens in promoting justice and good will, and in sustaining law and order in their local communities during these days of tension and transition in the South.

6. That as a necessary means of promoting right human relations and the democratic way of life, the use of the conference table is suggested, where citizens, regardless of race, may confront their common problems with full and equal opportunity of expression in seeking a solution to them.

7. That prayer be made for the guidance and blessing of God upon our nation in these days of crisis and decision; and upon the church that a true witness to the redemptive power of God, both in individual and corporate life, may be given.

8. That the session of each church be urged to appoint a committee or use an existing committee to interpret, encourage, and support the work of Christian Relations; and that the name of the chairman of this committee be sent to Presbytery's chairman, the Rev. M. G. Stimpson, Burgaw, N. C. (if this has not already been done).

Respectfully submitted,
M. G. STIMPSON,
Sub-committee Chairman

Dr. Ben L. Rose presented to Presbytery the work of a committee to revise the manual. The revised manual was adopted as amended.

The Revised Manual was approved to go into effect at the October meeting of the Presbytery, and the Stated Clerk was authorized to have copies printed in pamphlet form for general distribution, cost to be paid from the Contingent Fund of Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed for lunch at the American Legion hut after prayer by Dr. L. A. Taylor.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:00 P.M. with the singing of the hymn, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and prayer by the Rev. Jerry C. McCann.

Rev. M. G. Stimpson reported for the Committee on Camp and Conference Grounds. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT TO WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY
BY THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP AND CONFERENCE GROUNDS

Your committee looks forward to the development of an adequate camp site to be used in Presbytery's program of Christian Education; and dedicates itself to securing adequate facilities for a camping program that will provide opportunity for commitment to God's will through Jesus Christ, for a sense of relationship to God and to persons, and for personal development in an experience of Christian living, for all ages and groups that shall be using these facilities.

Your committee is happy to report that 155 acres of land have been secured for Presbytery's Camp Site. This site is located ½ mile west on the Watha road, 6 miles north of Burgaw, and 8 miles south of Wallace, off Route #117.

The 27 acre tract has been paid for in full. Thirty per cent of the 128 acre tract has been paid, and the Trustees of Presbytery have signed two notes in the amount of $1,596.00 each, at 4% interest; one of which will be due the first of May 1957 and the second in May of 1958.

A topographical survey of the entire area is being made at the present time and should be completed in the near future. This survey is being made under the supervision of Mr. John B. Davis, Jr., Surveyor, and professor in the Wilmington Junior College, whom we have asked to explain in graphic form to the members of Presbytery the description of the land and the purpose of the survey.

Your committee has set up the following schedule of development with the hope that the camp site will be ready for use during the summer of 1958:

Completion of the Topographical Survey,
Building of an entrance road,
Securing the assistance of a camp architect,
Digging of a well to furnish an adequate water supply,
Work camps to clear building sites and clean away fallen trees and brush,
Build kitchen and dining hall and units for campers. (Opportunity will be given gladly to those churches desiring to build cabins).

Toward this end a Financial Campaign is planned for the fall of 1957. Request has been made to Presbytery's Council that $3,000.00 be placed in the Benevolence budget of Presbytery for 1957. However, prior to the receipt of funds from either of these sources, certain monies will be necessary:

Approximately $200.00 to complete topographical survey,
Payment of the first note, $1,596.00 plus interest, by May 1957,
Approximately $300.00 for the aid of a camp architect,
All additional funds will be to a definite advantage.

In order that we may have these necessary funds by May 1, 1957 it is hoped that our treasury will receive gifts from interested individuals, Sunday Schools, Men's Organizations, Women's Organizations, Youth Groups, and church treasuries, throughout the Presbytery. (25c per church member from each church in the Presbytery would give us this amount.)

Your prayers and co-operation and support in this vital project of Presbytery is earnestly sought.

Treasurer:

Mr. Roy Carter, Wallace.

Respectfully submitted,
MILLARD G. STIMPSON,
Chairman

Rev. Mr. W. H. Allison reported for the Committee on Higher Education. The report was adopted with its recommendation as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Since the spring meeting of Presbytery the financial campaign for the proposed Consolidated College and the Program of Campus Christian Life has been vigorously conducted. Recognizing that the campaign has not kept up with the time schedule set for it and that there has been sizeable opposition in some sections, still the results of the campaign so far can certainly be said to be most encouraging. In three months the Synod has raised more than $1,800,000, which is more than we have raised in any campaign of any length conducted by our Synod. Today the combined resources of the Consolidated College amount to almost $5,000,000. This is the strongest support any Presbyterian institution or program has ever received.

Shortly before the meeting of Synod requests were made by the Peace College Alumnae Association with the Peace Board of Trustees and also by the Alumnae Association of Flora Macdonald College that Synod take steps that would consider continuing these colleges. These requests received long and careful consideration both by Synod's Committee on Higher Education and by the body of Synod itself. In view of the long study that had been made of the whole matter, the positive action that Synod took in 1955, and the large commitments Synod has already made concerning the Consolidated College, The Synod felt that we could not hesitate or turn back now and voted overwhelmingly to continue to support in the strongest possible manner the Board of Trustees of the Consolidated College as they seek to carry out the expressed direction of Synod in the merging of Peace, Flora Macdonald, and Presbyterian Junior Colleges and the future opening of the consolidated institution.

Recommendations

1. That Wilmington Presbytery redouble its efforts to enlist the support of every church in this campaign for the Consolidated College and Campus Christian Life.

WADE H. ALLISON,
Chairman

Commissioners of the Presbytery who attended the last meeting of the General Assembly reported their attendance and told of the work of the General Assembly. The reports were received as information and the diligence of the commissioners was commended. Dr. W. C. Mebane was excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr., introduced Mr. Timothy Outlaw to the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Mr. Goodman reported that all required forms had been filled in and recommendations were in hand and approved by the committee. Mr. Outlaw was admitted to examination. The examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry was conducted by the Rev. B. E. Dotson. The examination was sustained. The Moderator propounded the questions in Paragraph 108, Book of Church Order, and these being answered in the affirmative, the candidate was given a charge by the Moderator who also closed the proceedings with prayer. Mr. Outlaw was enrolled as a candidate for the Ministry under care of the Presbytery.

Mr. Edward G. Connette, of the Presbytery of Nashville, was introduced to the Presbytery as a candidate for ordination. The Committee reported that all written parts of the examination had been received and were satisfactory. Mr. Connette was admitted to examination, after a letter of dismissal from Nashville Presbytery had been read. The examination in Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. B. E. Dotson and was sustained. The examination on Theology was conducted by the Rev. Ben L. Rose and was sustained. The examination on Sacraments and Church

Government was conducted by Rev. N. P. Farrior and was sustained. The examination on English Bible was conducted by the Rev. E. D. Witherspoon and was sustained.

Diplomas from the University of Tennessee and from Union Theological Seminary were received in lieu of the examination on the original languages of scripture and academic studies.

Mr. Connette preached a sermon using Luke 10:38-42 as his text. This was sustained. The examination as a whole was sustained and Mr. Connette was enrolled a minister of the Presbytery upon signing the obligations.

Examination for licensure was acceptable for ordination also.

The call of the Session of the St. Andrews-Covenant Church to Mr. Connette to become assistant pastor of that church was approved and the following commission was appointed to ordain Mr. Connette to the Gospel Ministry as an evangelist:

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Dr. L. A. Taylor, Rev. J. C. McCann, Ruling Elders John Evans and Adolf Otersen. The date to be July 29, 1956 at 11:00 A.M.

A letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of Kanawha for Rev. John Stevenson was read and Mr. Stevenson was admitted to examination.

A letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of Norfolk for Mr. Robert Wilkins was read and Mr. Wilkins was admitted to examination.

The examination on Experimental Religion was conducted by the Rev. B. E. Dotson and was sustained.

The examination on Theology was conducted by the Rev. Ben L. Rose and was sustained.

The examination on Sacraments and Church Government was conducted by the Rev. N. P. Farrior and was sustained.

Examinations as a whole was sustained and these two men who had been previously ordained were enrolled ministers in the Presbytery upon signing the ministers obligations.

A call from the Willard, Teachey and Oak Plains churches for the pastoral services of Mr. Wilkins were read, and approved and placed in his hands. Mr. Wilkins signified his acceptance of the calls and the following commission was approved to install him:

Rev. W. B. Hood, Rev. C. S. McChesney and Rev. W. H. Allison with Ruling Elders Frank Blanchard and Luther Powell. The date September 9, 1956, 8:00 P.M. at the Teachey Church.

A call for the pastoral service of Mr. Stevenson from the Chadbourn Church was read and found in order and placed in his hands. He signified his acceptance to the call and the following commission was approved to install him:

Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. J. S. Russell and Ruling Elders W. E. Miller and J. M. Council. Rev. Alvis Daniel to be alternate to any minister. Time: July 29, 1956, at 8:00 P.M.

The minutes of the following commissions were read and admitted to record:

MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL CANDIDATE RICHARD JOHNSON

The Commission of Wilmington Presbytery, appointed to Ordain Candidate Richard Johnson to the Gospel Ministry, and to Install him as pastor of the Church of Woodburn, met at the church on Sunday, May 27, 1956, at 7:50 P.M.

The following members of the Commission were present: Rev. Ben L. Rose, Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. Albert G. Harris and Ruling Elder W. C. Mebane. The meeting of the Commission was called to order by and led in prayer by Dr. Rose.

Mr. Johnson presented to the Commission a diploma from Union Theological Seminary of Virginia.

The parts to be taken in the ceremony were read as follows: To Preside and Propound the Constitutional Questions—Dr. Rose. To Preach a sermon—Dr. L. A. Taylor. To deliver a Charge to the Pastor—Mr. Harris. To deliver a Charge to the congregation—Dr. Mebane. The Commission recessed for the service.

The part assigned to each member of the commission was performed. Mr. Johnson was duly Ordained and Installed in accordance with the Book of Church Order Paragraphs 140-142 and 144.

The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved. The Commission adjourned with prayer.

BEN L. ROSE,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL RICHARD ANDREWS

The Commission of Wilmington Presbytery to Ordain Richard Andrews and Install him as pastor of the Oak Grove and Myrtle Grove Churches, met at the Oak Grove Church on Sunday, June 10, 1956, at 7:45 P.M. Members present were: Ministers—E. D. Witherspoon, Ben L. Rose, Richard Johnson, Jerry C. McCann and L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington. Ruling Elder S. C. Andrews, father of Richard Andrews, was present at the invitation of the Presbytery and invited to participate in the "laying on of hands."

Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Chairman of the Commission, called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer. L. A. Taylor was elected Clerk. The parts prescribed by the Book of Church Order were assigned to the members of the Commission and the meeting recessed.

In the sanctuary the service of worship was led by Rev. Richard Johnson. The prayer was led by Rev. Jerry C. McCann. The sermon was preached by Dr. Ben L. Rose on the subject: "The Presbyterian Church." Dr. E. D. Witherspoon Propounded the Constitutional Question to both Mr. An-

drews and the Congregation. These were answered in the affirmative. Mr. Andrews was ordained by the laying on of hands of the Presbytery. Mr. Andrews was pronounced the duly Ordained and Installed pastor of the Oak Grove and Myrtle Grove Churches.

A Charge was delivered to the newly Ordained and Installed pastor by Dr. L. A. Taylor. A charge was delivered to the Congregation by Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington. The Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Richard Andrews.

The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved and the meeting adjourned with prayer led by Rev. Richard Johnson.

E. D. WITHERSPOON,
Chairman

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. HARRY P. MITCHELL

The Commission of Wilmington Presbytery appointed to Install Rev. Harry P. Mitchell as Pastor of the Church of Carolina Beach met at the church on Sunday June 3, 1956, at 7:50 P.M.

Members of the Commission were present as follows: Dr. Ben L. Rose, Rev. Horace H. Hilton, Dr. L. A. Taylor, Mr. D. N. Page, Mr. A. T. Summey.

The meeting was called to order and led in prayer by Dr. Rose. The Commission organized and assigned the parts to be taken by the members of the commission, then recessed to the sanctuary for the services of Installation.

Dr. L. A. Taylor Presided and Propounded the Constitutional Questions, Dr. Rose preached the sermon, Mr. Hilton delivered a Charge to the pastor, Dr. Taylor delivered a charge to the Congregation. Following these parts Rev. Harry Mitchell pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved. The meeeting was adjourned with a prayer led by Mr. Hilton.

L. A. TAYLOR,
Chairman

A call for the pastoral services of Mr. John Irvine, Jr., from the McClure Memorial Church was read, found in order and placed in his hands. Mr. Irvine signified his acceptance of the call and the following commission was appointed to Ordain and Install him:

Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. J. L. Stevenson, Rev. E. D. Witherspoon with the Rev. Alvis Daniel and the Rev. Harry Mitchell as alternates. Ruling Elders Leslie N. Boney, Jr., J. E. Hearn and C. B. Case.

Rev. William B. Oglesby, of Union Theological Seminary to be invited to preach the sermon and the Rev. Edward J. Humphrey of East Hanover Presbytery to be invited to participate in the laying on of the hands.

The Committee on Christian Education, through its Chairman Rev. S. M. Houck, reported the following recommendation relative to the communication from the Rev. N. H. Flowers:

That the dean of the leadership school to be conducted in Rose Hill November 5-9 be instructed to invite the superintendent of each church school in the Presbytery to attend the leadership class to be taught by Dr. Harmon B. Ramsey during that school.

Rev. S. M. Houck requested that the pastoral relationship between himself and the Bethany Church be dissolved and that he be granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Suwannee. The Ruling Elder from the Bethany Church, J. A. Sloan, reported that the congregation reluctantly concurred in this request. The request was granted and the pastoral relationship was dissolved effective August 15, 1956.

The Committee on Nominations recommended that Mr. John Walker of Mt. Olive be placed on the committee on Camp and Conference Grounds and that Rev. A. G. Harris, Jr., be elected Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Houck. Recommendation was adopted.

The standing committee on Leave of Absence reported as follows:

That the following be excused for non attendance for the entire meeting: Rev. J. S. Walkup, Rev. B. Frank Hall, Rev. M. J. McChesney, Rev. J. A. Marrow and Rev. J. W. Miller and that the following be excused for part of the day: Mr. Curry Carr, Lloyd Ferrell, P. L. Clark, M. G. Stimpson, L. R. Bradshaw, J. B. Davis, Sr. and Jim Evans.

The recommendation was adopted.

The committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

That we give a rising vote of thanks to the congregation and Pastor of the Wallace Church for being a cordial host with special notice having been made of the beautiful and comfortable sanctuary, the abundance of excellent food and thoughtful and attentive service we have received.

The report was adopted by a standing vote.

The standing committee on Place of Next Meeting recommended, and Presbytery adopted the recommendation, that the invitation from the Potts Memorial Church be accepted.

Ruling Elder H. L. Joslyn was nominated Moderator of the October meeting of the Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with Prayer led by Dr. Ben L. Rose in which special mention was made of the young men received into the Presbytery as candidates for the ministry and the new ministers who have come to serve in the churches of the Presbytery.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK
Permanent Clerk

STATED SESSION

The 196th Stated Session of the Presbytery of Wilmington met in Potts Memorial Presbyterian Church of Penderlea, N. C., Tuesday, October 16, 1956 at 10 A.M.

The worship service was led by the Rev. J. S. Russell, retiring Moderator. His sermon "Strangers and Pilgrims on Earth" was based on Hebrews 11:7-17.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. E. D. Witherspoon.

The clerk called the roll and the following were enrolled:

Ministers: P. L. Clark, J. W. Miller, M. C. MacQueen, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, E. D. Witherspoon, L. A. Taylor, W. B. Hood, B. F. Hall, M. G. Stimpson, N. G. Stevens, R. L. McBath, W. F. F. Little, M. J. McChesney, P. H. Gwynn, T. B. Ruff, S. N. Thomas, J. C. McCann, H. J. Kaylor, N. H. Flowers, C. L. Kirby, J. F. Clark, J. S. Steele, J. S. Walkup, H. H. Hilton, J. P. Marrow, J. B. McLeod, J. S. Russell, C. S. McChesney, B. L. Rose, A. M. Daniel, R. H. Erwin, S. T. Snively, J. R. Phipps, J. W. McGinnis, Robert Wilkins, John L. Stevenson, Ed Connette, Harry Mitchell, Richard Johnson, John Irvine, Jr., Richard Andrews.

Elders: B. C. Thigpen, Baker; P. H. Myers, Beth Carr; J. J. Lanier, Bethel; George S. Beatty, Black River; D. N. Lucas, Burgaw; A. J. Dail, Calypso; James T. Lewis, Cape Fear; Frank A. Robbins, Carolina Beach; Ashly M. Murphy, Caswell; E. L. Derrick, Chadbourn; J. F. Futreal, Chinquapin; D. T. Townsend, Clarkton; W. C. Scoggins, Delgado; E. L. Clark, Jr., Elizabethtown; W. T. McLean, Graves Memorial; J. B. Stropel, Grove; Walter Miller, Hallsville; N. B. Murray, Hopewell; Arthur J. Maynard, Immanuel; G. W. Gillenwater, Jacksonville; S. A. Lanier, Maple Hill; Rex Kern, McClure Memorial; James Monroe, Mt. Horeb; Tom McGee, Mt. Olive; R. A. Thigpen, Mt. Williams; D. G. Alderman, Mt. Zion; H. H. Hall, Oak Plains; Paul R. Jordan, Pearsall Memorial; W. J. Lane, Pike; Troy King, Pineland; B. H. Bender, Pollocksville; Guy W. Hadnott, Potts Memorial; J. A. Carr, Rockfish; Ned Roberts, Stanford; A. Doane Cromartie, Stafford Memorial; C. C. MacMillan, Teachey; John Powell, Wallace; E. L. Sheffield, Warsaw; H. L. Joslyn, Morehead City; C. P. Gorman, Westminster (Wilmington); Eugene Davis, Westminster (Whiteville); R. W. Davis, Wildwood; E. L. English, Willard; Glasgow Hicks, Wilmington First; A. J. Jackson, Winter Park; G. R. Ennis, Jr., Woodburn.

The following were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brothers:

The Rev. A. G. Harris, Sr., Augusta-Macon Presbytery; The Rev. H. H. Thompson, Director of Evangelism for the Synod of N. C.; Charles E. Krantz, elder of Norfolk Presbytery.

Ruling elders attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced to Presbytery.

Ruling Elder H. L. Joslyn was elected Moderator of Presbytery.

Communications were read and referred:

1. Proposed amendments to Book of Church Order to the Committee on Records.

2. Letter relative to ministers and social security—to Committee on Annuities and Relief.

3. Requests for leave of absence—to Committee on Leave of Absences.

The Rev. Charles McChesney, pastor of the host church welcomed Presbytery, and presented a brief historical sketch of the church.

The docket was amended and adopted with recess for lunch at 12:45 P.M. The report of the committee on Records was made an order of the day at 2 P.M.

The Rev. E. D. Witherspoon presented the report of the Committee on Church Extension. The report and recommendations were adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CHURCH EXTENSION TO WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

As your Committee presents its report to Presbytery, it is deeply grateful for God's many blessings during the months past. Not the least of these blessings are the loyalty of the members of this Committee, and the faithfulness and devotion of those men and their wives who have labored in our Home Mission fields. As we review the work of this Committee, we turn first to the Sub-Committee of Home Missions.

This Committee has worked closely with the Committee of which it is a vital part, and with Presbytery's Committee on the Minister and His Work. Changes have occurred in our Home Mission fields for various reasons. Some men have felt called of God to labor in other fields. One field has been made vacant by the retirement of its pastor, and one church made vacant by the reduction of the number of churches in the field. Still other changes have occurred by three of our churches calling their pastor for his full time. These changes have resulted in three new pastorates within the Presbytery.

Such changes have necessitated additional expense in Presbytery's work. In addition to the erection of new manses, where necessary, gifts have been made to some churches to aid in plant improvement. Salary supplements are paid to fourteen pastors serving twenty-four of our churches. And additional expenses in this work must be expected if proposed plans of new work are projected into reality. This means that if the Home Missions Committee carries on and enlarges its progressive program, Presbytery must think in terms of larger financial investment in this department of its work. The opportunity is almost unlimited.

The Sub-Committee on Evangelism has endeavored to bring the Presbytery face to face with its evangelistic opportunity. It is with joy that Dr. H. H. Thompson is welcomed as Synod's Director of Evangelism, for we feel sure that with his wise and experienced counsel our work in this area will become more effective.

Three Area meetings for Visitation-Evangelism will be conducted by Dr. Thompson within our Presbytery.

October 14-16—Calypso Presbyterian Church

October 18-19—Westminster Presbyterian Church, Whiteville

October 21-24—First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington.

In co-operation with other Presbyteries' Committee on Evangelism in the Synod, your Committee shared in the setting up of an area Conference on Evangelism in Goldsboro on October 10. Some of you attended this meeting. More of the Presbytery should have been present to share in the experiences of the afternoon and evening.

The Sub-Committee on Negro Work reports forward steps in this area throughout our denomination. There are over five thousand members in our seventy-four Negro churches. As more and more Negroes are being graduated from college, our denomination is seeing the challenge in the field of enlightened worship, realizing that the emotional appeal which has marked Negro worship in past years has little appeal. Churches are being established in strategic areas and strong pastors are secured for these churches.

The Sub-Committee on Christian Relations made a special report at the last meeting of Presbytery, which was submitted to record. It has no report at this time except a verbal statement by its Chairman which, pending the adoption of this report, I trust Presbytery will hear.

Respectfully submitted,
E. D. WITHERSPOON
Chairman

The Rev. Millard Stimpson gave a verbal report as chairman of the Sub-Committee on Christian Relations. Dr. H. H. Thompson spoke on evangelism. The report was adopted.

Rev. J. C. McCann made the report of the Committee on Homes. The report and the recommendations were adopted.

COMMITTEE ON HOMES

In accordance with Section VI, Par. 3, sub-Par. f of the Manual of Wilmington Presbytery, the Committee on Homes has received the annual reports of the Boards of the Orphan's Home and the Presbyterian Home. As they were presented to the Synod of N. C., for our report we submit a portion of the report of the Orphan's Home and the report in full of the Presbyterian Home.

Report of Presbyterian Orphan's Home

The blessings of God have been manifest in the life of the Home. We would acknowledge His goodness and express our gratitude for His loving kindness and provision for the needs of His children. The Regents have met in regular session twice during the year that has just closed. This governing body sets forth the policies and reviews the procedures of the total operation. The members of the Board have been faithful in their attendance and earnest in their desire to fulfill the duties incumbent upon them.

The doors of the Home are wide open for visitors and the year just closed has seen a record high number on the campus. In addition to the meeting of the Synod of North Carolina, the visit of the Women of the Synod of North Carolina, and the annual Fall Rally of 600 Men of Concord Presbytery, individuals and groups from over the Synod have visited the campus throughout the entire year. The most wonderful new thing on the campus is the church. It is the delight and joy of the boys and girls of the Home and stands on the campus as a great symbol for the Synod of North Carolina. Barium Springs is grateful for it and the Synod of North

Carolina, we believe is proud of it. The memorial gifts will soon finish the payment on the building.

The boys and girls of the Home are receiving excellent care. A general physical examination is given once a year and the services of the Infirmary on the campus, Dr. Bonner of Troutman and the Davis Hospital in Statesville, afford the best that can be offered for the children. The Presbyterian dentists through their special committee of Dr. Ralph Coffey of Morganton, Dr. Sam Steelman of Lincolnton, and Dr. Frank Kirk of Salisbury, have set up the dental office on the campus. Dr. Frank Kirk spends two days a week on the campus and is doing a most excellent work, not only in the field of dentistry, but in his association with the boys and girls.

The Presbytery will take note of the change in the school arrangements of the Home. Formerly, we have had what is technically a county school. The State has afforded the number of teachers necessary for the number of students at Barium Springs on the basis of the State teacher load. Having smaller classes, it meant that the Home had to supplement the number of teachers at its own expense. After careful study of the needs of the children, the Board voted unanimously to integrate the high school with the Troutman High School, one and one-half miles south, thus affording the children the opportunity of a normal community high school experience which will better fit them to leave the Home and join society. This will be begun in the fall of 1956 and will be completed in the fall of 1957. This move is in line with the common practice of child-caring institutions over the Southland.

The Home was operated in the year just closed without deficit. The books have been carefully audited by a professional firm and the report of this firm is on file in the Synod's office.

The Presbyterian Orphan's Home is equipped to take care of 250 children. At the close of the year there were 225 children in the Home. The applications during the year for boys far exceeded the space available, while applications for girls was rather low and left some vacancies in the girls' buildings.

Report of the Presbyterian Home

The Board of Trustees respectfully reports the following major activities of the Presbyterian Home during the past year:

There was an average of 59.4 members in the Home and only two deaths.

A home for the Executive Director and his family was built on the Home's property at a cost of $26,398.12. It was completed and occupied on July 1.

The second unit of the Home was completed in July, 1954, and was built at a total cost, including furnishings, of $357,371.85. It was necessary to borrow only $95,000 (on an open note) to pay for the building. As of July, 1956, the note had been reduced to $57,000.

The Board of Trustees met for three regular sessions during the year. The Executive Committee met three times for the transaction of business.

The books of the Home were audited by A. M. Pullen Company, Certified Public Accountants, and the audit shows a capital net worth of $613,700.55 as of December 31, 1955. Their report shows a gain in capital net worth for the year ending December 31, 1955 of $35,658.64.

As each week goes by, the Board of Trustees sees the growing demand and need of additional facilities to care for our elderly people. As of the

present time, there are over forty active applications from persons who need the facilities of the Home on file. Additional facilities cannot come too soon for the growing number of people who need this Home.

The Board of Trustees has been studying a long-range plan for the Home, which includes the building of apartments. It is expected that before many months have passed construction will be started on approximately ten apartments.

The Board of Trustees sincerely hope that you will take any and every opportunity that you may have to visit the Home and see its facilities and the happiness of the people who reside here. The Board of Trustees owes a debt of gratitude to everyone who has had a part in the Presbyterian Home to date. Its continued growth depends on you.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. McCANN
Chairman

The report was adopted, with the recommendations.

Recommendations:

1. That the churches of the Presbytery of Wilmington be urged to observe the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving, November 18th, as Presbyterian Orphans' Home Sunday and take a special offering for the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Barium Springs on that Sunday.

2. That the churches of the Presbytery of Wilmington be urged to inform its members about the work of the Presbyterian Home for the aged at High Point, and give their members an opportunity to give to the work especially during the Mother's Day season in the spring.

The Rev. B. L. Rose read the report of the committee on Nominations. The report and the recommendations were adopted. See the Directory of Presbytery on pages 33-35.

The Rev. B. L. Rose moved that the Council of Presbytery be permitted to set up a committee on Stewardship if the council so desired. It was adopted.

The report of the committee on the Presbytery Camp and Conference Centre was presented by the Rev. M. G. Stimpson. It was received as information.

The Committee on Higher Education presented its report through the chairman, the Rev. W. H. Allison. It was received as information.

The Rev. Harry Smith, Minister to Students at U. N. C. was heard relative to Campus Christian Life. Mr. Don Wells, President of the U. N. C. Westminster Fellowship also spoke.

The Rev. B. F. Hall offered the recommendation that the Presbytery call attention of the churches to the uncompleted campaign for funds for higher education with special emphasis on the needs of Campus Christian Life Activities at the state institutions, urging immediate action. It was adopted.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

1. Resolutions of Thanks: R. W. Davis, J. B. McLeod, Paul Jordan.
2. Leave of Absence: J. W. Miller, E. L. Derrick, N. P. Farrior.
3. Place of Next Meeting: S. T. Snively, W. C. Scoggins, C. C. MacMillan.

The Rev. J. R. Phipps presented the report of the Committee on Annuities and Relief. It was received as information.

Miss Dot Lynch, area worker of Wilmington Presbytery, was presented. She spoke of her work in the Presbytery.

The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:45 P.M. with prayer by the Rev. P. H. Gwynn.

Presbytery reconvened at 2 P.M. with the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and prayer led by the Rev. B. F. Hall.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented by the Rev. J. W. Miller. It was admitted to record as follows:

"The Commission on the Minister and His Work met in the Bethany Presbyterian Church with the pastoral nominating committee of the Church on August 9, 1956, 8 P.M. The meeting was opened with prayer. A quorum was present. The pulpit having been declared vacant, a list of prospective ministers proposed by the committee and by members of the commission was discussed and approved. The minutes were read and approved. The meeting adjourned with prayer."

The order of the day, the report of the Committee on Records, relative to the proposed changes in the Book of Church Order and the Confession of Faith, was presented by the chairman, the Rev. T. B. Ruff. Discussion and action on the amendments was deferred until the January meeting of Presbytery. It was docketed for the January meeting with the recommendation that teaching and ruling elders be urged to study, individually and collectively, the amendments referred to the Presbytery by the General Assembly, by reading the church papers, diligent searching of the scriptures and fervent prayer to the Holy Spirit, prepare themselves to vote their convictions if elected to represent their churches at the January meeting of Presbytery.

The reports of the commissions of Installation and Ordination were read and admitted to record as follows:

INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND JOHN L. STEVENSON

The Commission of Wilmington Presbytery, appointed to install the Reverend John L. Stevenson as pastor of the Chadbourn Church, met at the church on Sunday, July 29, 1956, at 7:50 P.M. The following members were present: Ministers: Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. Alvis M. Daniels, Rev. J. S. Russell, Dr. L. A. Taylor. Ruling Elders: Dr. W. E. Miller, Mr. John Council, Jr. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The parts to be taken by Commissioners were assigned as follows:

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon to preside and propound the constitutional questions, Dr. L. A. Taylor to preach the sermon, Rev. J. S. Russell to deliver a charge to the pastor, Dr. W. E. Miller to deliver a charge to the congregation, Rev. Alvis M. Daniel and Ruling Elder John Council to lead the service of worship.

The Commission recessed for the services in the sanctuary. The parts assigned to the members of the Commission were taken and Rev. John L. Stevenson was declared the duly constituted pastor of the Chadbourn Church in accordance with the requirements of the Book of Church Order.

The Commission reconvened at 9:15 P.M. The minutes of the meeting were read and approved. The Commission adjourned with prayer.

E. D. WITHERSPOON
Chairman

ORDINATION OF LICENTIATE EDWARD G. CONNETTE, JR.

The Commission of Wilmington Presbytery appointed to ordain Licentiate Edward G. Connette, Jr., to the holy ministry met in the Session Room of the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C., on Sunday, July 29, 1956, at 10:50 A.M. The members present were Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Dr. L. A. Taylor, Rev. Jerry C. McCann and Ruling Elder Adolf Otersen. Ruling Elder Dr. John E. Evans was excused from attendance because of illness.

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, the Moderator, called the meeting to order. Rev. Jerry C. McCann led the opening prayer. Dr. L. A. Taylor was elected clerk.

Parts to be taken by the Commissioners were assigned in accordance with the Book of Church Order and the meeting recessed for the Ceremony of Ordination in Sanctuary.

Dr. E. D. Witherspoon presided and propounded the constitutional questions. Rev. Jerry C. McCann preached the sermon. Dr. E. D. Witherspoon led the ceremony of the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery and was joined in this by all members of the Commission.

The Rev. L. A. Taylor delivered a charge to the pastor.

The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, Edward G. Connette, Jr. was declared duly ordained to the holy ministry as an evangelist and by the authority of the Presbytery was commissioned to preach the Word, administer the sacraments and discharge those other duties appointed to the church.

The Commission reconvened in the Session Room. The minutes of the meeting were read and approved and the meeting adjourned with prayer.

E. D. WITHERSPOON
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL JOHN M. IRVINE, JR.

The Commission of Wilmington Presbytery appointed to ordain Candidate John M. Irvine, Jr. and install him as pastor of the McClure Memorial Church, met at the Church on Sunday, August 12, 1956, at 7:45 P.M. Members present were: Ministers—E. D. Witherspoon, Alvis M. Daniels, John L. Stevenson, L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elders—J. E. Hearn and C. B. Case. Rev. William Oglesby of the Presbytery of Karawha, and Rev. Edward J. Humphrey of the Presbytery of East Hanover were present by invitation of the Presbytery.

The Chairman of the Commission, Rev. John L. Stevenson, called the meeting to order and led in prayer. Rev. L. A. Taylor was elected Clerk of the Commission. The parts to be taken in the ordination and installation, as prescribed in the Book of Church Order, were assigned to members of the Commission and the visiting ministers. The meeting recessed until after the services.

In the sanctuary the service was led by Rev. John L. Stevenson. Dr. William Oglesby preached the sermon on "The Temptations of the Minister." Rev. L. A. Taylor led the service of ordination and was joined, in the "laying on of hands" by all members of the Commission and the two visiting ministers.

Rev. John L. Stevenson led the service of installation, propounding the constitutional questions and declaring the candidate duly ordained and installed as pastor.

Rev. Edward J. Humphrey delivered a charge to the minister. Rev. E. D. Witherspoon delivered a charge to the congregation. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. John M. Irvine, Jr.

The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved and the meeting adjourned with prayer.

JOHN L. STEVENSON
Chairman

INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND R. J. WILKINS

The Commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to install the Rev. R. J. Wilkins as pastor of the Oak Plains, Willard and Teachey Presbyterian Churches met in the pastor's study at the Teachey Church on Sunday, September 9, 1956, at 7:50 P.M. Members present were: Ministers—W. B. Hood, C. S. McChesney, W. H. Allison; Ruling Elders—Luther Powell, Frank Blanchard. The Commission was constituted with prayer by Rev. W. H. Allison. Ruling Elder Frank Blanchard was appointed Clerk.

The Commission adjourned to the sanctuary of the Teachey Church where a worship service was conducted by Rev. W. B. Hood. An inspiring sermon was preached by the Rev. C. S. McChesney on "The Message of the Church." The constitutional questions were propounded by Rev. W. B. Hood, and answered in the affirmative by the pastor and the three congregations, after which the Rev. R. J. Wilkins was declared duly installed as pastor of the Oak Plains, Willard and Teachey Churches. A charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. W. H. Allison, and a charge to the congregations was delivered by Ruling Elder J. Luther Powell. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. J. Wilkins.

The Commission reconvened after the service, read and approved the minutes, and was dismissed with prayer by Rev. C. S. McChesney.

W. B. HOOD
Chairman

FRANK BLANCHARD
Clerk

The committee on Church Extension made additional recommendations concerning the Southport Presbyterian Church property which were adopted as follows:

1. That the Home Missions Committee be authorized to sell the Youth Center of the Southport Presbyterian Church to the best advantage of that church, and that the proceeds of the sale be given to the Building Fund of the Southport Church to aid in the construction of the new sanctuary and educational building.

2. That the Trustees of Presbytery be authorized to issue the proper legal instruments to convey title to the property when sold.

The Rev. R. L. McBath presented his resignation as pastor of the Elizabethtown and Mt. Horeb churches, requesting the disolution of the pastoral relationship existing between him and the churches, and a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Savannah that he might accept the call of the First Presbyterian Church of Brunswick, Georgia.

The churches through their representatives reported that congregational meetings were held and that they reluctantly concurred in the request.

Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship and granted a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Savannah, effective November 1.

The Rev. M. G. Stimpson, presented his resignation as pastor of the Burgaw and Hopewell Churches, requesting that the pastoral relationship be dissolved, that he be granted a letter of transfer to Roanoke Presbytery that he might accept the call of the Clarkesville, Virginia Church. Representatives of the churches reported that congregational meetings had been held and that they reluctantly concurred in the request that the pastoral relationship be dissolved.

Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship and granted a letter to Roanoke Presbytery effective November 15.

After words of appreciation for the work of these men by many members of Presbytery, the stated clerk was instructed to write the stated clerks of the Presbyteries expressing the appreciation of and the esteem held by Wilmington Presbytery for these men.

The Standing Committee on Leave of Absence made its report. The following were excused from attendance of Presbytery for the entire meeting:

C. W. Worth, R. S. Andrews, C. C. Myers, and W. H. Goodman, Jr. At 2 P.M. Sam Thomas, P. H. Myers, N. G. Stevens, N. H. Flowers, Ed Sheffield, C. L. Kirby.

The Standing Committee on Resolutions and Thanks reported. It was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS ON THANKS

Be it resolved by the Wilmington Presbytery that we hereby express our gratitude:

To: Potts Memorial Presbyterian Church and community for their fine hospitality and invitation to meet here in this sanctuary.

To: The women of this church for their preparing and serving the delicious meal.

To: Those who have brought messages and information to this meeting.

To: The Moderator for his efficient and orderly manner of presiding.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. DAVIS
JOE McLEOD

The Standing Committee on Place of Next Meeting reported that no invitation had been extended. The matter was placed in the hands of the Moderator and Stated Clerk.

The Treasurer of the Contingent Fund was instructed to pay the travel expenses of the two men from Chapel Hill at the rate of 7 cents per mile.

The Rev. C. S. McChesney was nominated Moderator for the January meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery was adjourned with prayer led by the Rev. L. A. Taylor.

CALLED MEETING

ST. ANDREWS-COVENANT CHURCH

May 14, 1956

The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, the Presbytery of Wilmington convened in a Called Meeting on Monday, May 14, 1956, at 2:00 P.M. in the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C.

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. J. C. McCann, the last Moderator present. The roll was called and the following persons recorded as present:

Ministers—P. L. Clark, C. C. Myers, J. S. Crowley, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, L. A. Taylor, B. F. Hall, M. G. Stimpson, S. M. Houck, M. J. McChesney, J. C. McCann, H. J. Kaylor, C. L. Kirby, J. S. Walkup, J. B. MacLeod, B. L. Rose, A. G. Harris, A. M. Daniel, R. H. Erwin, S. T. Snively, J. R. Phipps. Ruling Elders—William McDonald, Carolina Beach; A. F. Wells, McClure Memorial; Norwood Bender, Myrtle Grove; H. L. Joslyn, Morehead City; O. D. Williams, Woodburn.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. Ben L. Rose. The call for the meeting was read, found in order and made the docket. It is as follows:

1. Receive Candidates Richard Andrews, John Irvine, Richard Johnson; Examine them for Licensure and Ordination; Appoint Commissions to Ordain them and Install them as pastors of the respective churches to which they have been called. 2. Receive Rev. Harry Mitchell and appoint a Commission to Install him as pastor of the church of Carolina Beach.

Certificates of Dismissal were presented for Candidates Irvine and Johnson from the Presbytery of East Hanover, and for Candidate Andrews from the Presbytery of Montgomery. These Candidates were received by the Presbytery and admitted to examination for Licensure and Ordination. A report was read from the Committee on Candidates stating that the Thesis and Exegisis for each Candidate had been examined and found to be of a high order of scholarship and insight. These were declared satisfactory. Dr. B. Frank Hall conducted the examination in Theology. This part was sustained as satisfactory. Rev. M. J. McChesney conducted the examination in Sacraments and Church Government. The Candidates were admonished to give further consideration to the proper mode of Baptism, and the examination sustained. Rev. P. L. Clark conducted the Examination in Experimental Religion. This was sustained as satisfactory. Dr. E. D. Witherspoon conducted the Examination in English Bible. This was sustained as satisfactory.

Rev. Harry Mitchell was received into the Presbytery on the evidence of his Certificate of Dismissal from the Presbytery of Montgomery and admitted to examination. The Examination cov-

ered views in Theology, Sacraments, Church Government and Experimental Religion. The examination was sustained as satisfactory. The Presbytery ordered his name inscribed upon the roll of the Presbytery after he signed the Minister's Declaration. A call for his services was read by the Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work. Mr. Mitchell signified his willingness to accept the call and it was placed in his hands. A Commission was appointed to install him as pastor of the church of Carolina Beach, on Sunday June 3, 1956 at 8:00 P.M.

The Commission was composed of Dr. Ben L. Rose, Rev. H. H. Hilton, Dr. L. A. Taylor, Mr. A. E. Gibson, with alternate Ruling Elders A. T. Summey and D. N. Page.

Sermons were preached by the Candidates for Licensure as follows:

Richard Andrews, from I Timothy 3:10-4:5; John Irvine, from Jeremiah 23:21-29; Richard Johnson, from I Cor. 3:10-15.

The sermons were sustained as satisfactory. The examinations of the three Candidates were sustained as a whole. The examinations for Licensure were accepted as satisfactory for Ordination upon the condition that they (Candidates) present to the Commissions appointed to Ordain them a diploma from the Theological Seminary in which they are now students, which diploma shall be presented prior to the time set for the Candidates' Ordination.

Calls for the pastoral services were presented by the Chairman of the Commission and his work as follows: Oak Grove and Myrtle Grove Churches for Richard Andrews; McClure Memorial Church for John Irvine; Woodburn Church for Richard Johnson.The calls were found in order and placed in the hands of the Chairmen of the Commissions to be placed into the hands of the Candidates following their Ordinations.

A Commission was appointed to Ordain and Install Mr. Johnson at the Woodburn Church on May 27, 1956, at 8:00 P.M.

The Commission is composed of Dr. Ben L. Rose to Preside and Propound the Constitutional questions, Dr. L. A. Taylor to preach a Sermon, Rev. Albert G. Harris to deliver a charge to the pastor, Ruling Elder Dr. W. C. Mebane to deliver a charge to the congregation, Mr. O. D. Williams alternate Ruling Elder.

A commission to Ordain, and Install Mr. Andrews as pastor of the Oak Grove and Myrtle Grove Churches, in the Oak Grove Church, June 10, 1956 at 8:00 P.M.

The Commission is composed of Dr. E. D. Witherspoon (convenor of the Commission), Dr. Ben L. Rose, Dr. L. A. Taylor, Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington, Alternate Ruling Elder J. Kyle Bannerman. Presbytery extended an invitation to the Father of Richard Andrews, a Ruling Elder, to sit with the Commission and take part in the ceremony.

Mr. Irvine asked permission to invite Dr. William Oglesby, of the Faculty of Union Seminary, to preach the sermon at his Ordination. The date was fixed for August 12, 1956. Additional members of the Commission will be named at the July meeting of Presbytery.

The business for which the meeting was called having been completed, Presbytery adjourned after the reading of the Minutes.

The Minutes were read and approved.

L. A. TAYLOR
Stated Clerk

CALLED MEETING

May 28, 1956

The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, the Presbytery of Wilmington met in a called session on May 28, 1956, at 2:30 P.M., in the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C.

Rev. J. C. McCann, the last Moderator present, Moderated the meeting, and led in the opening prayer.

The roll was called and the following members recorded:

C. C. Myers, L. A. Taylor, M. G. Stimpson, R. L. McBath, S. M. Houck, J. C. McCann, H. J. Kaylor, J. B. MacLeod, S. T. Snively, Harry Mitchell, Richard Johnson. The First Church, Wilmington, was enrolled through its Elder, B. B. Reynolds.

The Call for the meeting was read, found in order, and made the docket for the meeting. It is as follows:

1. Authorize the Committee of Christian Education to borrow funds necessary for the purchase of a tract of land, in Pender County, to be used as a Camp and Conference Centre. 2. Authorize the Trustees of Presbytery James H. Clark, J. K. Bannerman, R. V. Wells, to execute the legal documents necessary for the above loan.

Rev. Millard Stimpson, Chairman of the sub-committee on the Camp and Conference Grounds, of the Committee of Christian Education, reported the progress made toward the purchase of land, and made the following motion:

That the Trustees of Presbytery be authorized and empowered to: 1. Execute two promissory notes in favor of T. A. Rivenbark, of Duplin County, for the amount of $1,596.00 each, plus interest at the rate of 4% per year, and; 2. Execute a deed of trust in favor of T. A. Rivenbark, on a tract of land in Pender County recently purchased from Mr. Rivenbark, for a Camp and Conference Centre, to secure the Notes. The motion was seconded by Rev. S. M. Houck. The motion carried.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR
Stated Clerk

CALLED MEETING

July 18, 1956

By order of the Synod of North Carolina, the Presbytery of Wilmington met in the Bible Room of Flora Macdonald College, Wednesday afternoon, July 18, 1956 at 1:45. Ruling Elder A. E. Gibson, last Moderator present, called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was led by Dr. E. D. Witherspoon. The following persons were enrolled:

Ministers: E. D. Witherspoon, T. O. Bird, J. S. Crowley, J. C. McCann, C. L. Kirby, Al Harris, B. E. Dotson, T. B. Ruff, P. H. Gwynn, N. H. Flowers, W. H. Allison, N. G. Stevens, J. B. MacLeod, H. J. Kaylor, M. G. Stimpson, Alvis Daniels, M. C. MacQueen, C. S. McChesney, H. H. Hilton, R. L. McBath, B. F. Hall, Shep Russell, R. S. Andrews and John Irvine.

The following Ruling Elders were enrolled:

A. E. Gibson, H. B. Rivenbark, A. F. Wells, John M. Pierce, Sr., J. M. Council, Sr., Paul R. Jordan, Ralph A. Jones, W. H. Hall, H. M. Wells, P. H. Myers, L. J. Simmons.

The call for the meeting was read, and adopted as the docket for the meeting and is as follows: The Presbytery of Wilmington is called to meet to transact the following business:

1. To hear a request from the Rev. T. O. Bird that the pastoral relationship between himself and the Calypso, Faison and Stanford Churches be dissolved and to act upon the said request.

2. To grant Mr. Bird a letter of dismissal to Concord Presbytery, if the way be clear.

3. To nominate a Moderator for the July meeting of the Presbytery.

Presbytery heard the request of Mr. Bird that the pastoral relationship between himself and the churches be dissolved. Ruling elders present from the churches reported that the congregations had voted to concur in the request. Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship and an order that a letter of transfer (Dismissal) be sent to Concord Presbytery. The effective date of the termination of the Pastoral relationship to be August 15, 1956. Mr. Bird was granted permission to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery until August 1, 1956.

Rev. J. S. Russell, of the Lake Waccamaw Church, was nominated as Moderator of the July meeting of the Presbytery.

It was brought to the attention of the Presbytery that there was sickness among our membership and a special prayer for God's blessings was offered by Dr. B. F. Hall in behalf of Rev. J. S. Marrow, Rev. C. W. Worth and his family and of Dr. L. A. Taylor and his family.

The Minutes were read and approved and Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by Dr. B. F. Hall.

SAMUEL M. HOUCK

CALLED MEETING

The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, the Presbytery of Wilmington met in a called meeting on Monday, September 24, 1956, at 2:45 P.M. in the St. Andrews-Covenant Church, Wilmington, N. C.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. H. J. Kaylor, the last Moderator present. The roll was called and the following members of Presbytery were enrolled:

M. G. Stimpson, J. S. Steele, John M. Irvine, R. L. McBath, E. G. Connette, M. J. McChesney, C. W. Worth, H. J. Kaylor, L. A. Taylor.

The following churches were represented by their Ruling Elders:

Clarkton by C. S. Clark, Jacksonville by M. W. Eubanks, First Wilmington by W. M. Dixon.

A quorum was present, and Presbytery was constituted with prayer, led by Rev. C. W. Worth.

The call for the meeting was read, found in order, and made the docket for the meeting. It is as follows:

Authorize the Trustees of Presbytery to: (1) borrow the sum of $25,000 from the Board of Church Extension, Presbyterian Church, U. S., (2) loan the sum of $25,000 to the Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, N. C. for the purpose of financing the construction of a Sanctuary and Educational Building, taking the note and deed of execution by the Trustees of the Jacksonville Church as security for the loan, (3) transfer the note and deed of trust, given by the Trustees of the Jacksonville Church, to the Board of Church Extension as security for the loan from that board.

A resolution prepared by a local Attorney was presented by Rev. C. W. Worth, Chairman of the Home Mission Committee. Mr. Worth stated that the resolution had been discussed by the Home Mission Committee and was approved by the Committee for presenting to the Presbytery. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville is now engaged in a building extension program, and it has become necessary for the said church to borrow Twenty-five Thousand and 00/100 ($25,000.00) Dollars and secure the same by the execution of a second lien deed of trust on the said church property; and

WHEREAS, The Board Of Church Extension Of The Presbyterian Church In The United States, Inc. has offered to lend to the Wilmington Presbytery the sum of Twenty-five Thousand and 00/100 ($25,000.00) Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of four (4%) per cent per annum, payable ten (10) years from date of loan, on condition that the said Twenty-five Thousand and 00/100 ($25,000.00) Dollars be loaned by the said Wilmington Presbytery to the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Trustees of the Wilmington Presbytery are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute a note for Twenty-five Thousand and 00/100 ($25,000.00) Dollars, bearing interest at the rate of four (4%) per cent per annum, and payable in quarterly installments of Six Hundred Twenty-five and 00/100 ($625.00) Dollars, plus interest, to the order of The Board Of Church Extension Of The Presbyterian Church In The United States, Inc.

2. That the Trustees of the Wilmington Presbytery are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to loan to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville the entire proceeds of the loan hereinabove mentioned and shall take as evidence of said debt a note from the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville to the Trustees of the Wilmington Presbytery and said note shall bear interest at the rate of four (4%) per cent per annum and shall become due and payable in quarterly installments of Six Hundred Twenty-five and 00/100 ($625.00) Dollars each, plus interest, and as security for said note the said Trustees of the Wilmington Presbytery shall demand of and receive from the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville a deed of trust conveying the lands and premises on which the said First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville is located.

3. The Trustees of the Wilmington Presbytery are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to transfer, set-over and assign the Twenty-five Thousand and 00/100 ($25,000.00) Dollars note delivered to them by the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville to The Board Of Church Extension Of The Presbyterian Church In The United States, Inc., or any other person, firm or corporation it may designate, as collateral security for the Twenty-five Thousand and 00/100 ($25,000.00) Dollars note executed by the Trustees of this Presbytery mentioned in Item 1 above.

Rev. M. G. Stimpson offered a motion that the Presbytery adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Rev. M. C. McChesney, after discussion the motion received the unanimous vote of the Presbytery.

The purpose for which the meeting was called having been accomplished the Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

L. A. TAYLOR
Stated Clerk

DIRECTORY

Moderators: July meeting, Rev. J. S. Russell; October meeting, H. L. Joslyn.

Stated Clerk, Executive Secretary, Treasurer: L. A. Taylor.

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1959—Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. J. W. Miller, J. A. Love, W. B. Berry III.

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1959—Rev. C. W. Worth, Dr. W. C. Mebane, L. B. Huie, Mrs. Colwell Smith.

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1959—Rev. T. B. Ruff, R. P. Bender.

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Experimental Religion: 1958—Rev. P. L. Clark, *1959*—Rev. B. E. Dotson.

Sacraments and Church Government: 1958—Rev. J. C. McCann, *1959*—Rev. J. W. Miller.

English Bible: 1958—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, *1959*—Rev. J. A. Marrow.

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1958—Rev. S. N. Thomas, Rev. C. L. Kirby.
1959—Rev. C. W. Worth, H. McNair Johnson, W. C. Scoggins.

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Area #3: 1957—Rev. J. S. Walkup, *1958*—Rev. J. W. Miller, *1959*—Rev. C. W. Worth.

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